

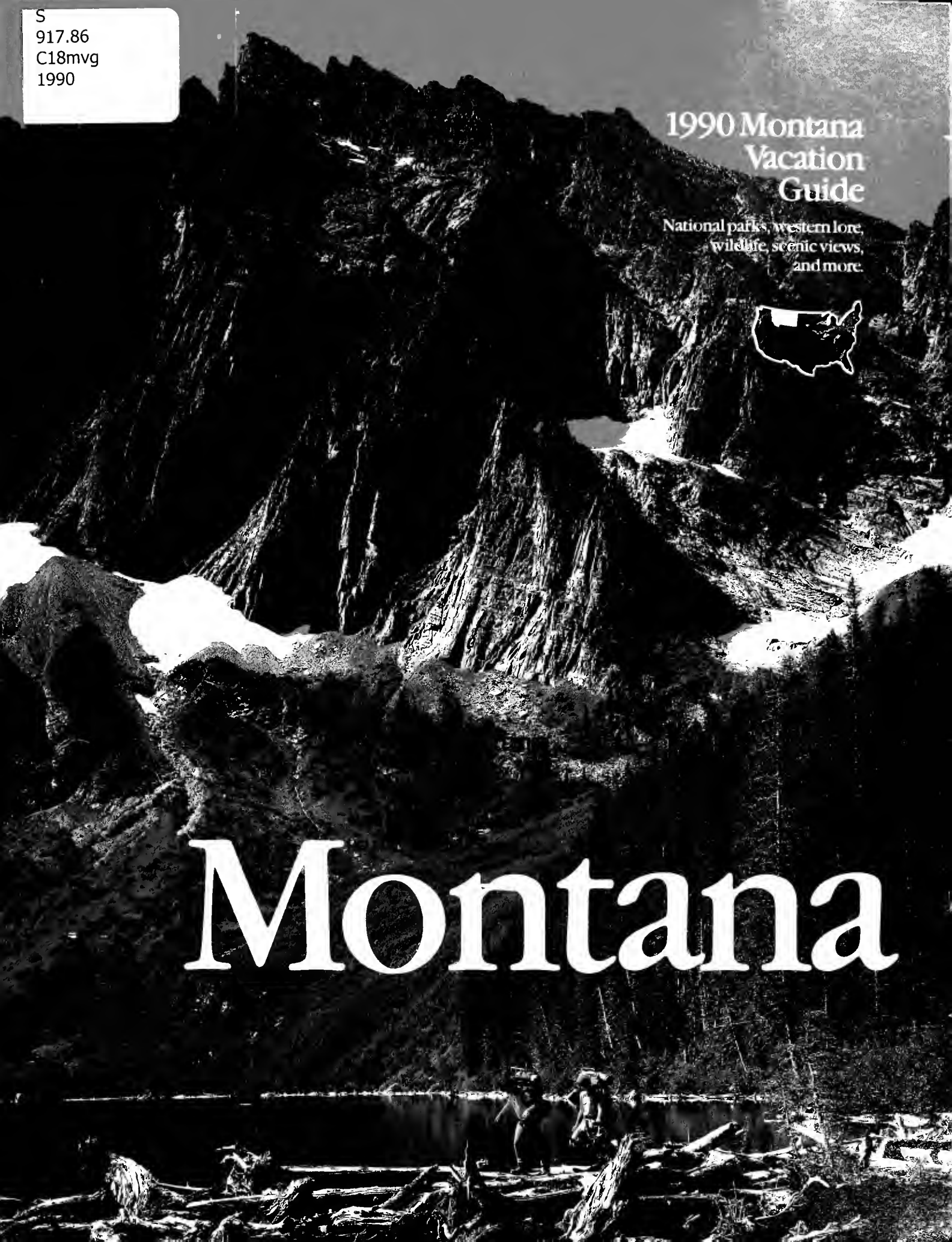
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## 1990 Montana Vacation Guide

National parks, western lore,  
wildlife, scenic views,  
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# Montana







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**Front cover:** *Hikers in northwestern Montana's  
Cabinet Mountains Wilderness/Pat O'Hara*

◀ *Along the trail during Montana's 1989 Centennial Cattle Drive.  
David Scott Smith*





From the eye-stretching plains of eastern Montana to the mile-high valleys of the mountain west, Montana's sky sets a stage of dramatic proportions. Here the skyline is drawn not by the architectural achievements of man, but by the jagged profile of the Crazy Mountains rising abruptly from the plains, the setting sun spreading a dozen shades of purple over the Rocky Mountain Front, the swell of late-afternoon thunderheads highballing across the western sky or the classic lines of migrating snow geese.

The Big Sky is firmly grounded in the Montana mindset. We can't take our eyes off it. Neither will you.



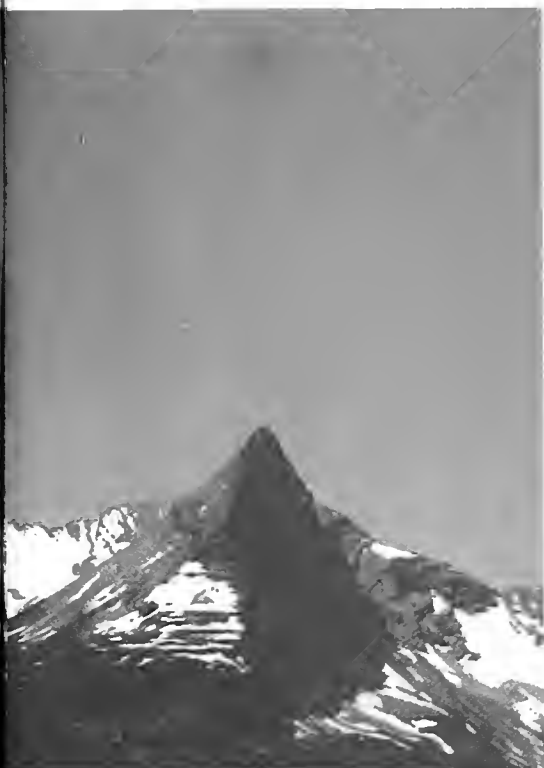
*Southwestern Montana's Big Hole Valley/Tom Dietrich*



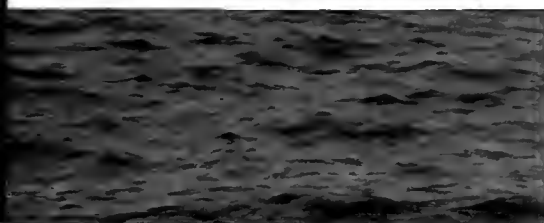
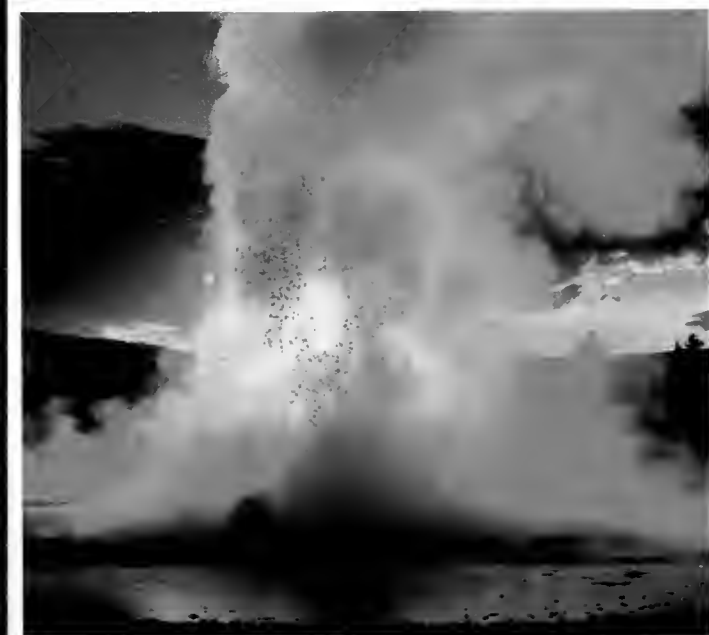
*Above Bowman Lake, Glacier National Park/John Reddy*

*Left Southeastern Montana's Chalk Buttes, Custer National Forest/John Reddy*





Revered worldwide as the "crown of the North American continent," Glacier National Park fulfills America's need for wild sanctuary. To hikers, it is the nation's foremost trail park. To wildlife watchers, it provides privileged views of mountain goats and bighorn sheep, the grizzly bear and gray wolf. To the Blackfeet Indians, it is the holy place of the Everywhere Spirit. Similarly, Yellowstone National Park is a globally unique environment that stages a natural freak show of spouting geysers and boiling sulphur caldrons in an otherwise peaceful kingdom. Here elk and buffalo roam lush meadows and swans share fabled waters with wild cut-throat and rainbow trout. Between these two world treasures lie national wildlife refuges, recreation areas, battlefields, historic sites and state parks that feature Montana's natural, historic and recreational attractions.



*Above left: Sawmill Geyser, Yellowstone National Park/courtesy WY Travel Commission*

*Center: Park Ranger/Harley Hettick*

*Right: Beargrass/John Reddy*

*St. Mary's Lake, Glacier National Park/Steve Bly*







*Llama treks are a popular way to see Montana's backcountry/Dennis J Cwidak*

Montana's outdoor recreational opportunities are unrivaled. Nearly 17 million acres of national forest, three million acres of untrammeled wilderness, two national parks, seven national wildlife refuges, 60 state parks, hundreds of miles of blue ribbon trout streams and range after range of rugged Rocky Mountains make Montana the first choice of people who love the outdoors. Explore the backcountry of Glacier and Yellowstone, the beloved Bob Marshall Wilderness and equally appealing getaways like the Jewel Basin, Northwest Peaks Scenic Area, Gates of the Mountains and Medicine Rocks. Raft the Alibon Gorge and Yankee Jim Canyon or canoe the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.

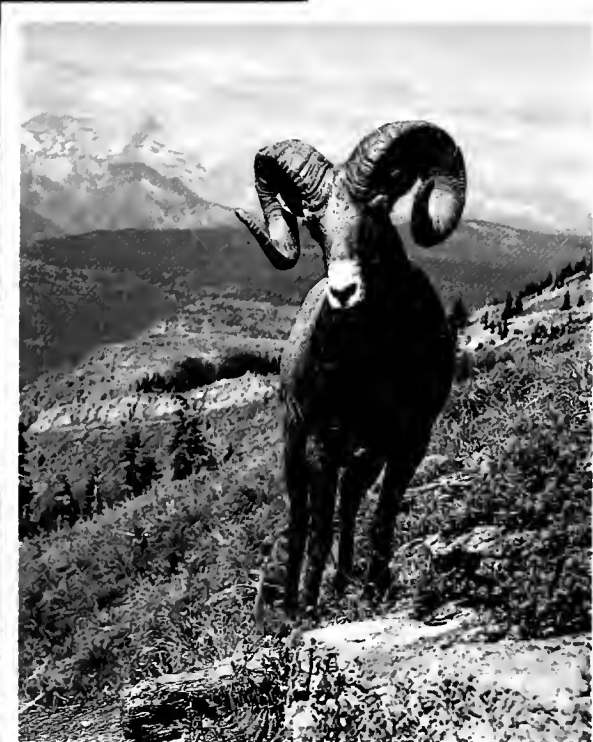
*Hiking near Lone Mountain/David Hiser, courtesy Big Sky Resort Association*



*Happy angler/Chris Cauble*







*Bighorn sheep/Douglass Dye*



*Moose, Yellowstone National Park/Neal & Mary Jane Mishler*



*Black bear/Conrad Rowe*

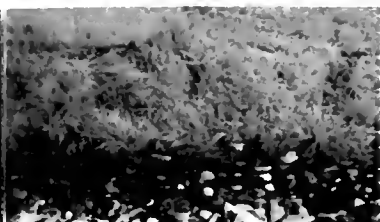
Montana is a haven for wildlife and wildlife watchers. Endangered and threatened species like the bald eagle, gray wolf and grizzly bear occupy Montana's spacious, unspoiled environment along with abundant populations of elk, deer, moose, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, waterfowl and upland birds. See wildlife in their natural habitat at Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, the National Bison Range, the million-acre C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge where elk still occupy their native prairie year-round and Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge which provides sanctuary for the rare trumpeter swan. Montana's national forests, wilderness areas, wildlife refuges and state parks are windows on the natural world.

*Bald eagle/  
Mark Van Donsel*









*Butte's Copper King Mansion/John Reddy*



*Tipi reflection on Flathead Indian Reservation/Michael Crummett*



*Biking into the past at Virginia City/Bob Woodward*

Only 100 years old, Montana has a young, hands-on history that springs to life at every corner. Discover it in the gold camps of Virginia City and Bannack or the mansions and miners' union halls of Butte. Feel it as you walk among the graves at Custer Battlefield, and view it in the paintings of America's beloved cowboy artist, Charlie Russell. Trace it along the Missouri River, highway of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Montana's history is celebrated at rodeos, ethnic festivals and Indian powwows across the state. It is preserved in major collections at the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning, the Russell Museum in Great Falls, the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, the Western Heritage Center in Billings and the Montana Historical Society in Helena.



*Miles City's Range Riders Museum/Michael Crummett*



*Miles City Bucking Horse Sale/Michael Crummett*



*Crow dancer/Michael Crummett*



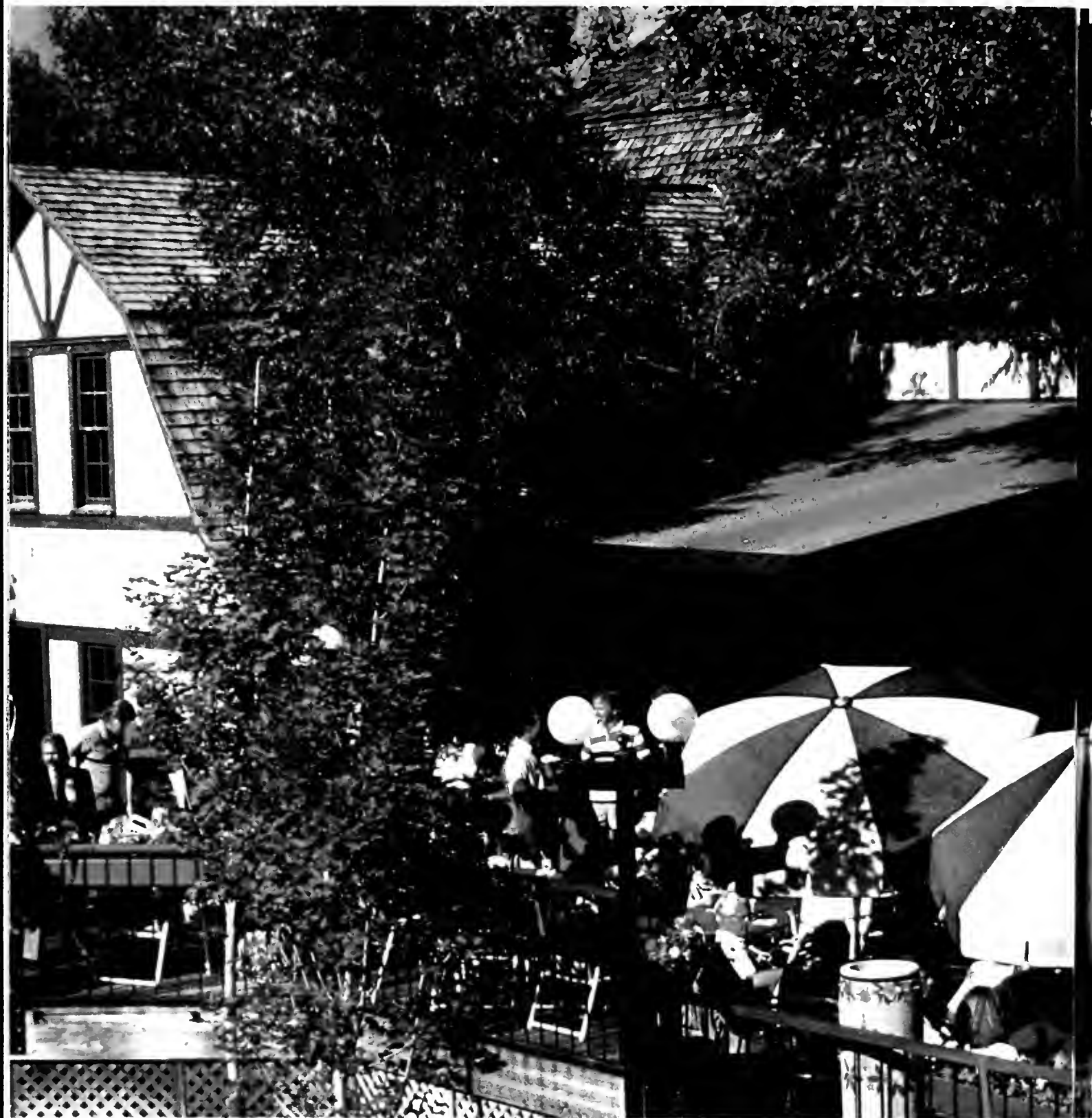
*Working cowboy/Michael Crummett*

In Montana, the West is alive and working hard. At action-packed rodeos with names like the Wildhorse Stampede and the Bucking Horse Sale, where cowboy skills are put to the test. At Indian powwows and pageants, where the traditional dancing and dress are as colorful as the ancient rituals they celebrate. At the renowned C.M. Russell Auction of Original Western Art and the annual buffalo roundup at the National Bison Range. At guest ranches, where visitors turn in their wheels for a sure-footed horse. At chuckwagon cookouts, fiddling contests and county fairs across the state.

Many of Montana's most popular getaways are working ranches where guests become part of the crew and learn what it's like to live off the land. But you don't have to choose a ranch vacation to discover the spirit of the modern West. You'll see it on every street corner in Montana and feel it in the friendliness of everyone you meet.

*North American Indian Days at Browning/Bert Gildart*





Relaxing in the garden at the Port & Co.



In Montana you can have it both ways. Greet the day with buckwheats and bacon on a breakfast trail ride and end it with roast pheasant and Beaujolais in an intimate country dining room. (You'll find some of Montana's most distinguished chefs in the most out-of-the-way places.) Browse our shops and galleries or leave your shopping list behind and explore some of America's most magnificent backcountry. Improve your swing at a championship golf course in a spectacular mountain setting or test your mettle on an extended trek or bicycle tour. Whether you choose a high-rise hotel or a hot springs resort, a mountain lodge or a roadside campground, you'll find comfort and quality at affordable prices.



Photo by William R. Sallaz, courtesy  
Cavanaugh's Motor Inn  
at Kalispell Center



Photo by Tim Rice, courtesy Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish

Nightlife in Montana includes  
gaming, courtesy Grouse  
Mountain Lodge, Whitefish





*Dressed up for Crow Fair/Michael Crummett*

In Montana, you'll find an infectious love for the land and the lifestyle of the West. You'll see it in the faces of Montanans and the way we treat our guests. There aren't very many of us—not even a million—spread over 93 million acres of mountains and high plains. So we welcome visitors and look forward to sharing our home with you. Here, we look you straight in the eye when we talk to you and show you the kind of hospitality Charlie Russell was talking about when he said: "My brother, when you come to my lodge, the robe will be spread and the pipe of peace will be lit."

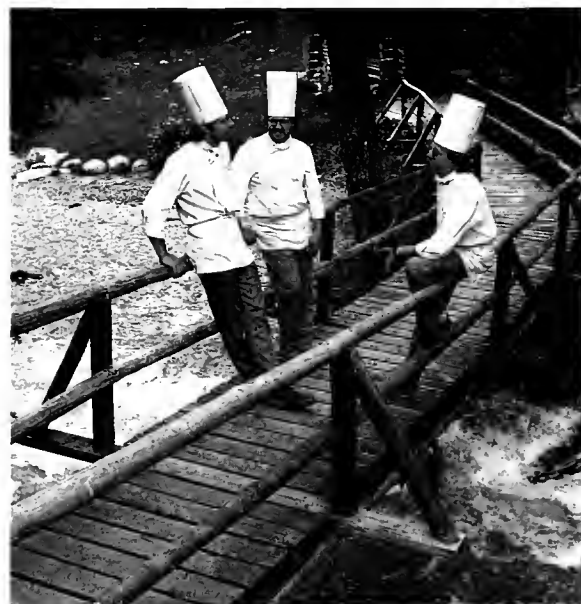
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# Glacier

## COUNTRY



Mountain goat/Mike Sample

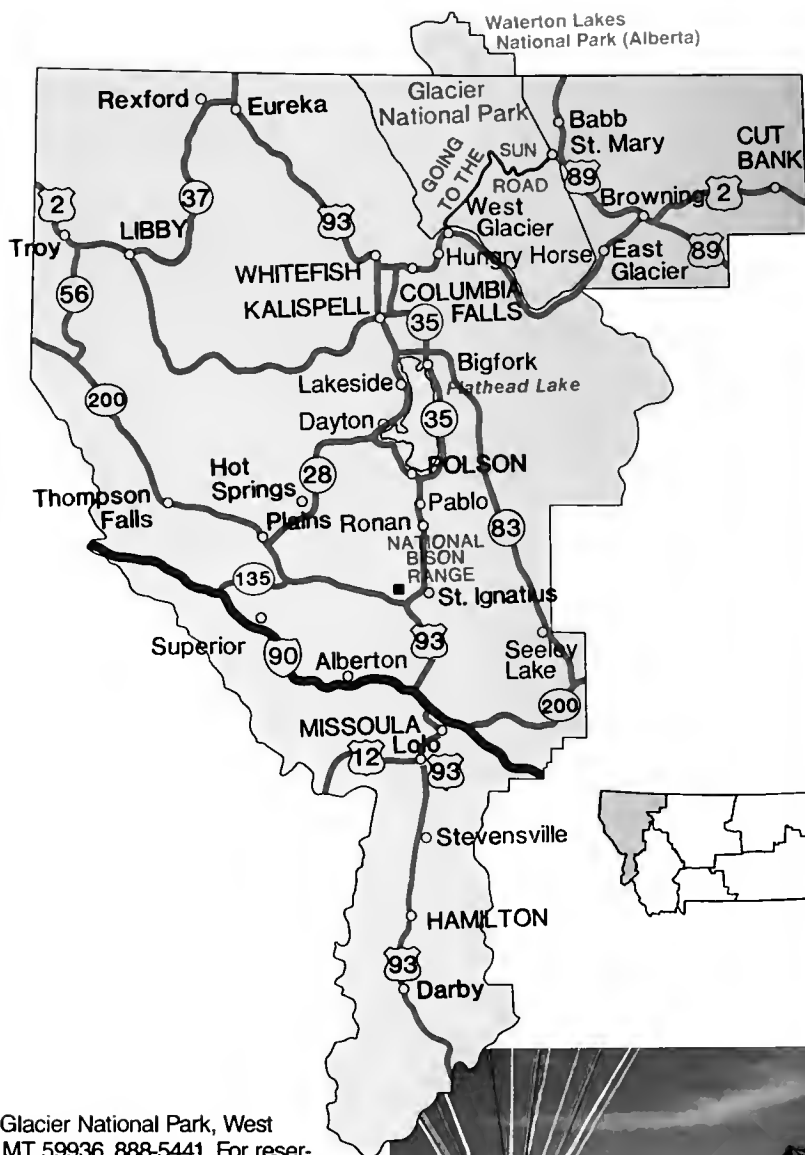
Glacier Country is Montana's north-west corner, where lofty mountains set the pace and the rest of the region has no trouble keeping up. Here, you will find magnificent Glacier National Park, watchable wildlife, wild rivers, wilderness and lakes scattered like jewels. There are scenic golf courses, vacation resorts, guest ranches, galleries and museums and summer theater. Attractions listed below are keyed to the Montana Highway Map. Phone numbers are reached by the 406 area code. For more information about Glacier Country, call 756-7128.

### Major Attractions

**Glacier National Park.** Lying in a rugged section of the Northern Rockies, Glacier Park adjoins Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada, to create Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park—an ideal "two-nation vacation." Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 55-mile highway through Glacier, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. Overall vehicle length cannot exceed 30 feet on this highway, normally open from early June into October. America's foremost trail park, Glacier has more than 700 miles of foot and horse trails. Guided hikes, horseback trips and boat tours are available. Accommodations in the park, open June-September, range from hike-in mountain chalets to historic hotels and lodges. Year-round accommodations are available just outside the park. For information about the park,

contact Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, 888-5441. For reservations, call 226-5551 (mid-May to mid-Sept.) or (602) 248-6000 (mid-Sept. to mid-May). For chalet information, call 888-5511. (A-2)

**Flathead Lake.** Between Kalispell and Polson. Largest natural freshwater lake in the western U.S. Renowned for its fishing, the lake is bordered by six state parks, plus **Wild Horse Island State Park** accessible only by boat. Boat tours include the diesel-powered *Far West* from Somers (837-5569), the 51' racing sloop *Questa* from Bigfork (883-2448) and the 41' tour boat *Port Polson Princess* from Polson (800-332-7148). House boat rentals are also available in Polson (883-3700). (B,C-2)



Four Winds Historic Village & Indian Trading Post/John Reddy



**National Bison Range.** At Moiese, off US 93 and MT 200 or 212. Established in 1908 to protect one of the most important remaining herds of American bison, about 400 of the great shaggy animals roam nearly 19,000 acres of natural grassland. Other inhabitants are birds, whitetail and mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep and pronghorns. Self-guiding auto tour during summer months. Visitor center. 644-2211. (D-2)

**Bob Marshall Wilderness.** Between MT 200 and Glacier National Park, the "Bob" is the nation's second-largest and best-known wilderness. Combined with the Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas, it forms a contiguous wildland complex of more than 1.5 million acres that straddle the Continental Divide. Accessible only by trail, the complex offers fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, horseback riding and river floating. Roughly 1800 miles of trails in the complex. 755-5401 or 791-7700. (C-3)

**Flathead National Wild and Scenic River.** South, Middle and North Forks of the Flathead River form the nation's longest wild and scenic river system, stretching 219 miles across some of Montana's most ruggedly beautiful back country. Rafting, kayaking, fishing. 755-5401. (A,B,C-2,3)

**Museum of the Plains Indian.** Browning. Comprehensive collection of Blackfoot Indian tribal artifacts, plus history of the Northern Great Plains tribes. Authentic native American arts and crafts available at museum shop. 338-2230. (B-3)

**Golf Courses.** With 19 majestic courses, Glacier Country is one of the most attractive destination areas for golf in the U.S. Many are champion 27-hole courses surrounded by rugged mountain ranges, pristine lakes and sparkling streams.

## Bigfork

**Bigfork Summer Playhouse.** Live theatre featuring a variety of popular shows. Nightly, May-Labor Day. 837-4886. (B-2)

**Jewel Basin Hiking Area.** E on Jewel Basin Road. Specially designated hiking area that covers 15,349 acres and features 38 miles of trails. Rocky peaks, alpine lakes, streams, meadows and wildflowers. 755-5401. (B-2)

**Wayfarers State Recreation Area.** 5 miles S on MT 35. Forested recreation area on Flathead Lake that offers excellent views for hikers, campers, picnickers and photographers. Popular area for swimming and boating. User fee. 837-4196 or 752-5501. (B-2)

**Bigfork Art & Cultural Center.** 525 Electric Ave. Local crafts and fine art. 837-6927. (B-2)

## Browning

**Museum of the Plains Indian.** See Major Attractions.

**Blackfeet Indian Reservation.** Adjoins Glacier National Park. Home of Montana's largest Indian tribe, the Blackfeet. Of special interest are the Museum of the Plains Indian, tribal campgrounds, stream and lake fishing and the annual North American Indian Days Celebration in mid-July. (A-3)

**Bob Scriver Studio & Wildlife Museum.** US 2 & 89. One of Montana's best-known sculptors combines his love of wildlife and art in a studio that features his own sculpture, the work of other artists and taxidermy. Open daily, 8-8, May-September. (B-3)

## Columbia Falls

**Big Sky Waterslide.** Water park offering nine slides, whirlpool, picnic area, concessions and children's activities. Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Admission. 892-5025. (B-2)

**St. Richard's Church.** 505 4th Ave. One of Montana's first Catholic churches, built in 1891. (B-2)



Daly Mansion, Hamilton/John Reddy

## Cut Bank

**Glacier County Historical Museum.** 1 mile NE. Outdoor displays of original oilfield machinery, railroad history, homestead life. 873-4041. (A-4)

## Darby

**Darby Pioneer Memorial Museum.** US 93, Council Park. Darby settlement from 1800-1888. (F-2)

**Alta Ranger Station.** SW, near Painted Rocks Reservoir. First Forest Service ranger station in the U.S. (F-2)

## Dayton

**Mission Mountain Winery.** W shore of Flathead Lake, on US 93. Tours and wine tastings daily, 10-5, April-Oct. 849-5524. (C-2)

**Lambeth State Recreation Area.** 7 miles NW on Lake Mary Ronan. Hiking, fishing, birding, boating and camping. User fee. 849-5082 or 752-5501.

## Eureka

**Ten Lakes Scenic Area.** NE of town, off US 93. Mountain drive, scenic lakes, fishing, hunting. 882-4451. (A-1)

**Tobacco Valley Historical Village.** Main St. Area history. (A-1)

## Hamilton

**Daly Mansion.** East Side Hwy. Built in 1890 by Irish immigrant Marcus Daly, one of Montana's colorful "copper kings." With 42 rooms, 24 bedrooms, 15 baths and 7 Italian marble fireplaces, the huge mansion is situated on 50 planted acres in Montana's scenic Bitterroot Valley. Tours daily, May 1-Sept. 30. Admission. 363-6004. (E-2)

**Ravalli County Courthouse.** Main & 5th. Features an entrance portico with large arches, gabled roof and corner tower. Houses the **Ravalli County Museum.** 363-3338. (E-2)

**Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.** This 1.3-million-acre wilderness straddles the Continental Divide on Montana's western



Many Glacier Lodge, Glacier National Park/Damian Conrad

border with Idaho. Several east-west canyons take hikers and horseback riders to high mountain lakes. Wildlife includes elk, moose, bear, deer, birds and fish. No motorized travel. 363-3131. (E-2)

## Hungry Horse

**Hungry Horse Dam.** Off US 2. 564-ft. dam forms a reservoir surrounded by rugged mountains. Visitor center, boating, fishing, camping. 387-5241. (B-2)

**Glacier Maze.** Between Hungry Horse and West Glacier, on US 2. Over a mile of passageways on two levels to challenge puzzle lovers of all ages. Food, gifts, picnic area. Open daily, summer. Admission. 387-5902. (B-2)

**House of Mystery.** US 2. Natural laws of physics are bent here, if not broken. Gift shop, picnic area. April-November. Admission. 892-4550. (B-2)



St. Ignatius Mission/Michael Crummett

## Kalispell

**Conrad Mansion.** Woodland Ave. and 3rd St. E. Built in 1895 as the home of C.E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter and founder of the City of Kalispell. Restored to its Victorian elegance. Admission. 755-6558. (B-2)

**Lone Pine State Park.** 4 miles SW on Foyes Lake Road. Day use area with scenic views of Flathead Valley. Visitor center, picnic facilities, trails. User fee. 755-2706. (B-2)

**Hockaday Center for the Arts.** 2nd Ave. E and 3rd St. Features regional and national artists. Tues.-Sat. (B-2)

## Lakeside

**West Shore State Recreation Area.** S on US 93. Spectacular views of Flathead Lake and surrounding mountains. Wooded campground, picnic sites, swimming. User fee. 844-3901 or 752-5501. (C-2)

## Libby

**Cabinet Mountains Wilderness.** This 94,000-acre preserve extends 33 miles along the crest of the Cabinet Range S of Libby. Popular hiking and fishing area with wildlife viewing opportunities. No motorized travel. 293-6211. (B-1)

**Libby Dam.** A 420-ft.-high, multi-purpose water resource project that forms giant Lake Koocanusa. Visitor center, recreation area. 293-5577. (B-1)

**Kootenai Falls.** Between Libby and Troy on US 2. Scenic recreation area along the Kootenai River and sacred site of the Kootenai Indians, now living on the Flathead Indian Reservation. (B-1)

**Heritage Museum.** E on US 2. Area history, especially 1880-1920. (B-1)

## Lolo

**Lolo Trail.** From junction of US 12 & 93, W into Idaho via Lolo Pass. This historic trail was used by the Nez Perce Indians as a buffalo trail and by the Lewis and Clark Expedition enroute to the Pacific. US 12 parallels the trail. (E-2)

## Missoula

**University of Montana.** UM welcomes visitors to its plays, lectures, exhibits and sporting events. Established in 1893, it combines traditional brick buildings and a tree-lined campus with modern facilities that include the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, the Performing Arts and Radio-Television Center, Science Complex and Washington-Grizzly Stadium. 243-0211. (D-2)

**Rattlesnake National Recreation Area & Wilderness.** Just 8 miles N of town, this 33,000-acre wilderness serves as a vast recreation area for the city and its visitors. No motorized travel. 329-3750. (D-2)

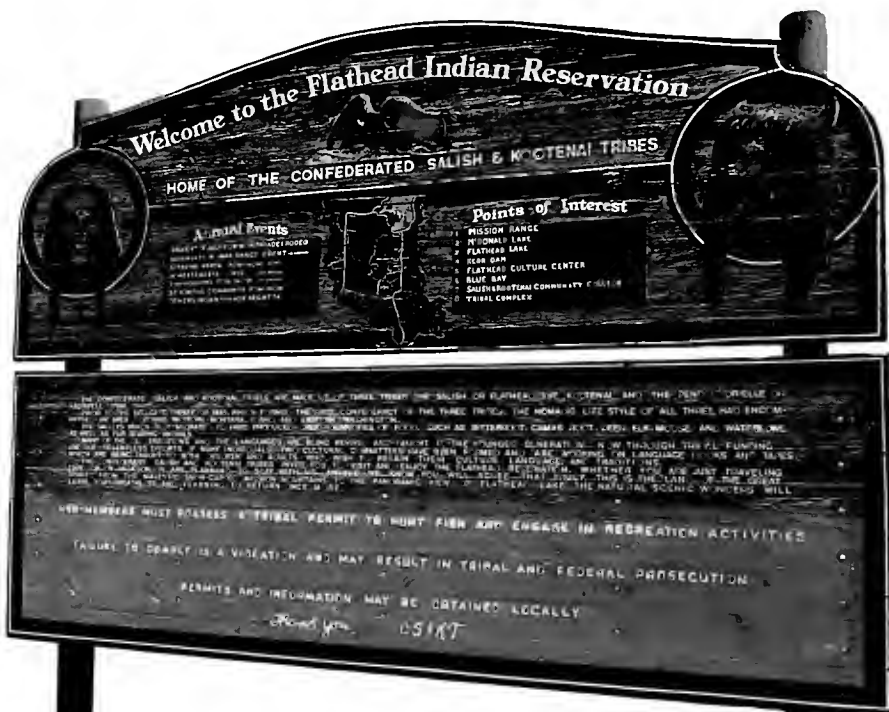
**Aerial Fire Depot Visitor Center.** 7 miles W on Old Hwy 10. Headquarters for the U.S. Forest Service smoke-jumpers. Visitors can tour the facilities June 15-Sept. 15. 329-3131. (D-2)

**Ninemile Remount Depot.** 20 miles W on I-90; take Ninemile exit and follow signs to Ninemile Ranger Station. From 1930 to 1953, the depot provided experienced packers and pack animals for firefighting and backcountry work projects throughout the Northern Rockies. Self-guiding tour includes saddle shop, blacksmith shop, corrals and barn. Visitor Center open daily, May 1-Sept. 30; Ranger Station open year-round. 626-5201. (D-2)

**Riverfront Summer Theatre.** Caras Park. Live theatre during the summer months in big-top tent along the Clark Fork River. Home of the University of Montana Summer Theatre. For tickets and information, 721-TENT or 243-4481. (D-2)

**Wildlife Visitor Center of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.** 2291 W Broadway. Excellent collection of wildlife, taxidermy, paintings and sculpture. Video theater on elk and wildlife habitat. 800-843-7633 or 721-0010. (D-2)

**Snowbowl Summer Chairlift Ride.** 12 miles NW on Snowbowl Road. 12-minute ride to 7,000 feet. Hike to the summit and ride the chair back down or hike back to the base. Weekends in July and August. Admission. 549-9777. (D-2)



Flathead Indian Reservation/Doug O'Looney



Sailboarding on Flathead Lake/Jean Arthur

**Historical Museum at Fort Missoula.** Fort Missoula, Building 322. Enter from South Ave., W of Reserve St. Western Montana history, 12 historic structures on-site. 728-3476. (D-2)

**St. Francis Xavier Church.** 420 W Pine. Built in 1889, the year Montana became a state. Outstanding for its graceful steeple, paintings and stained glass. Open daily, 6:30-5. 542-0321. (D-2)

**Wilma Theatre.** 104 S Higgins Ave. Significant not only for its architecture but as a monument to the early citizens who pioneered efforts to bring culture and live entertainment to a developing Montana. 543-7341. (D-2)

**Missoula County Courthouse.** 220 W Broadway. Built in 1908, the building occupies a full city block and contains eight murals by noted western artist E.S. Paxson. 721-5700.

**Missoula Museum of the Arts.** 335 N. Pattee. Various exhibits feature regional, national and international artists. Open noon-5, Mon.-Sat. 728-0447. (D-2)

## Pablo

**Flathead Indian Reservation.** Between Missoula and Kalispell. Home of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian Tribes. Of special interest are lower Flathead Lake and Wildhorse Island, the National Bison Range, Ninepipe and Pablo wildlife refuges, the Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness, St. Ignatius Mission and the Arlee Powwow (early July).

## Polson

**Big Arm State Recreation Area.** 12 miles N on US 93. Camping and water sports are popular at this public park on the W shore of Flathead Lake. Big Arm is also a popular jumping-off point for Wild Horse Island, accessible only by boat. User fee. 849-5255 or 752-5501. (C-2)

**Elmo State Recreation Area.** 14 miles N on US 93. Large, open campground on W shore of Flathead Lake, popular

with swimmers, sailboarders and sailboaters. User fee. 849-5744 or 752-5501. (C-2)

**Miracle of America Museum.** 1 mile S on US 93. American history, World War I and II poster art, timber industry history, local crafts displayed. 883-6804. (C-2)

**Polson Historical Museum.** Main St. Area history and artifacts. (C-2)

**Polson Feed Mill.** 501 Main St. Built about 1910, the mill is significant for its historic role in the development of Polson and early commerce in Lake County. Fine example of a wood frame and shiplap siding building, once common to this area. (C-2)

## St. Ignatius

**St. Ignatius Mission.** Established in 1854, this unique Catholic church contains 58 original murals by Brother Joseph Carignano on its walls and ceilings. 745-2768. (D-2)

**Four Winds Historic Village and Indian Trading Post.** 3 miles N on US 93. Buildings, wagons and artifacts feature history and culture of the Flathead Indian Reservation and other North American Indian tribes, plus railroad memorabilia and toy trains. Village open June 15-Labor Day; trading post open all year, 9-7, summer; 10-5, winter. 745-4336.

## Seeley Lake

**Placid Lake State Recreation Area.** 3 miles S on MT 83, then 3 miles W on county road. Camping, boating, fishing, swimming in the scenic Seeley-Swan Valley. User fee. 542-5500. (D-3)

**Salmon Lake State Recreation Area.** 5 miles S on MT 83. Fishing, boating and camping on one of a chain of beautiful lakes on the Clearwater River. User fee. 542-5501. (D-3)

## Stevensville

**St. Mary's Mission & Fort Owen.** ½ mile N, off US 93. First Catholic mission in the Northwest, originally established by Father Pierre-Jean DeSmet in 1841. Sold to Major John Owen in 1850, it became an important trading post, then was re-established as a mission church in 1866. Fort Owen is the site of the first permanent white settlement in Montana. 542-5500. (E-2)

## Superior

**Mineral County Historical Museum.** County history in former hospital building. (D-1)

## Thompson Falls

**Sanders County Historical Museum.**

Housed in the old Sanders County Jail, the museum depicts early settlement and law enforcement. 827-3496. (C-1)

**Thompson Falls State Recreation**

**Area.** 1 mile NW on MT 200. Fishing, boating, camping, nature walks and bird watching on the Clark Fork River and Noxon Rapids Reservoir. 827-3732 or 752-5501. (C-1)

## Troy

**Giant Cedars—Ross Creek Scenic**

**Area.** S of Troy on MT 56. Walk among cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high on this easy .9-mile interpretive trail. 295-4693. (B-1)

## Whitefish

**The Big Mountain Chairlift Ride.** 8

miles N of town. Viewing station, restaurant at the top; hike the Danny On Trail to the bottom. Admission. 862-3511. (B-2)

**Whitefish Lake State Recreation Area.**

5 mile W on US 93, then 1 mile N. Secluded campground and beach on S shore of Whitefish Lake. Boating, swimming, fishing. 862-3991 or 752-5501. (B-2)

## Yaak

**Northwest Peaks Scenic Area.** NW of town on Pete Creek Road. Popular hiking area in Montana's extreme NW corner. 295-4693. (A-1)



Museum of the Plains Indian, Browning/Damian Conrad

# Gold West COUNTRY

*Gold West Country is Montana's southwest corner, where the West's colorful history comes to life in restored mining camps, a living history cattle ranch, an Indian battlefield, the mansions and union halls of Butte and the capital city of Helena. Here, too, are fabled trout streams, Rocky Mountains, hot springs resorts, ghost towns and guest ranches. Attractions listed below are keyed to the Montana Highway Map. Phone numbers are reached by the 406 area code. For more information about Gold West Country, call 846-1943.*

## Major Attractions

**Virginia City, Nevada City.** On MT 287, NW of Yellowstone National Park. Two authentically preserved and restored mining camps from the gold rush era. 19th century melodrama and entertainment by the **Virginia City Players** every night during the summer. Comfortable and reasonable accommodations. 843-5377. Pan for gold at the **Alder Gulch River of Gold**; museum and gift shop. 843-5526. (G-4)

**Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site.** Outskirts of Deer Lodge. Once headquarters for a prosperous cattle ranching empire that controlled more



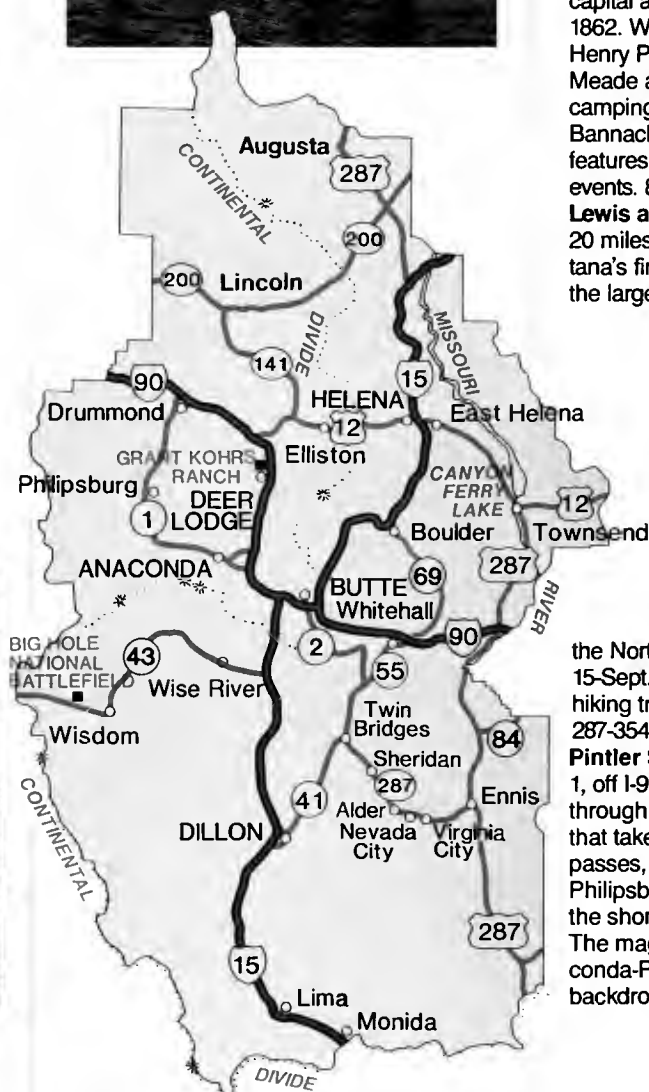
*Fishing one of southwestern Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams/Tim Christie*

than one million acres. Guided tours of elegant 23-room home. Outside are the bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon collection and more. 846-2070. (E-4)

**Big Hole Battlefield National Monument.** 12 miles W of Wisdom on MT 43. Site of 1877 battle between Col. John Gibbon's troops and Chief Joseph's Nez Perce Indians. Visitor center, museum, battlefield tour. 689-3155. (F-3)

**Bannack State Historic Park.** Off Hwy 278, W of Dillon. Montana's first territorial capital and site of first major gold strike in 1862. Walking tour includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade and jailhouse. Visitor center, camping, fishing, picnicking. User fee. Bannack Days (third weekend in July) features historic displays, activities and events. 834-3413. (G-3)

**Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park.** 20 miles E of Whitehall on MT 2. Montana's first and best known park features the largest known limestone caverns in



the Northwest. Daily cave tours, May 15-Sept. 15. Campground, picnic area, hiking trails, concession. User fee. 287-3541. (F-5)

**Pintler Scenic Route.** 62 miles of MT 1, off I-90, this highway forms a loop through the heart of Gold West Country that takes you over high mountain passes, to mining and ghost towns, Philipsburg and Anaconda, and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The magnificent peaks of the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop. (E-3)



*Panning for gold/Neal Mishler*



**Fishing.** Some of Montana's finest blue-ribbon trout streams—the Big Hole, Beaverhead, Jefferson, Madison and Missouri—flow through Montana's SW corner. Headquarters towns for anglers are Butte, Dillon, Twin Bridges, Ennis and Helena.

## Alder

**Robber's Roost.** 6 miles NW on MT 287. Hangout for hold-up gangs during the early gold rush days when stage coaches made regular runs between Bannack and Virginia City. (G-4)

## Anaconda

**Anaconda.** Founded in 1883 by Marcus Daly when he erected the Washoe Smelter and Reduction Works. Historic walking tour brochure available at the Anaconda Chamber of Commerce, 306 E Park. (F-3)

**Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.** This 159,000-acre wilderness extends more than 30 miles along the Continental Divide SW of Anaconda. Most of the area is above 7,000 feet. Popular access points are Georgetown Lake and Moose Lake as well as the East Fork of the Bitterroot River, off US 93, on the west side of the wilderness. No motorized travel. 683-3900. (F-2,3)

**Lost Creek.** 1.5 miles E on MT 1, 2 miles N on Secondary 273, then 6 miles W. Scenic recreation area with short trail to Lost Creek Falls and spectacular lime-

stone cliffs that rise 1200 ft. above canyon floor. Popular viewing area for mountain goats and bighorn sheep. Camping, picnicking. User fee. 542-5500. (F-3)

**Washoe Park.** Flower gardens, tennis courts, playground, baseball diamond, picnic facilities and swimming pool. Montana State Fish Hatchery, also at the park, features trout display ponds and exotic birds. 563-2400. (F-3)

**Hearst Free Library.** Main & 4th. Classic period building completed in 1889 and donated to the city by George and Phoebe Hearst. Mr. Hearst, one of Marcus Daly's partners in Butte's Anaconda Mine, made his fortune in mining; his son, William Randolph Hearst, became a prominent newspaper publisher. 563-2400. (F-3)

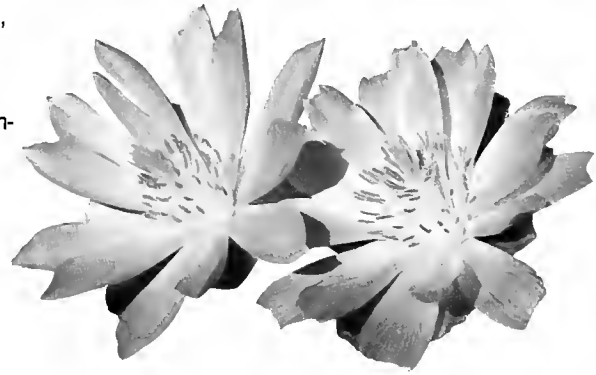
**Copper Village Museum and Arts Center.** 401 E Commercial. Area history, copper smelter display. 563-2422. (F-3)

**National Ghost Town Hall of Fame Museum.** Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, E off I-90. Dedicated to the preservation of ghost towns of the West. Open daily. (F-3)

**St. Timothy's Chapel.** Off Pintler Scenic Route, 23 miles W of town. Overlooks Georgetown Lake. (F-3)

## Boulder

**Jefferson County Courthouse.** Built in 1889, the building features a 3-story entrance, oak stairway, gargoyles and twin circular towers. (E-4)



**Elkhorn Ghost Town.** 7 miles S on MT 69, then 11 miles N on county road. Outstanding examples of frontier architecture in this ghost town stand as reminders of Montana's 1880s silver boom. Hiking, camping, picnicking nearby. 994-4042. (E-4)

## Butte

**Butte Historic District.** Much of Montana's history was written in mineral-rich Butte. Two-hour walking tour includes historic mansions, churches, union halls, courthouse, fire hall and original copper mine. Self-guiding tour brochure. 494-5595. (F-4)

**C.W. Clark Mansion.** 321 W Broadway. Elegant Victorian home built in 1898 for Charles W. Clark, oldest son of William A. Clark, one of Montana's colorful "copper kings." Now maintained by City of Butte as the **Arts Chateau**, featuring changing exhibitions of regional art. 723-7600. (F-4)

**Copper King Mansion.** 219 W Granite. Former mansion of copper king and politician William A. Clark. Three-story, 30-room structure has been preserved as it was in the 1880s. Tours. Admission. 782-7580. (F-4)

**Old No. 1.** Tour Butte on replica of early-day streetcar, from Chamber of Commerce office, 2950 Harrison. Daily, June-Labor Day. For reservations, 494-5595. (F-4)

**Neversweat and Washoe Railroad.** Renovated railcar carries passengers on a guided tour from World Museum of Mining to the Kelly Mine, last operating underground mine in Butte. Memorial Day-Labor Day. Admission. 494-5595. (F-4)

**Driving Tour of Butte Mines.** Self-guiding tour of Butte's underground mine sites. Interpretive map. 494-5595. (F-4)

**World Museum of Mining.** Hell Roarin' Gulch, W Park St. Complete 1905 mining camp and equipment. 723-7211. (F-4)

**Mineral Museum.** Montana Tech campus, W Park St. 1300 mineral specimens on display. 496-4414. (F-4)



Original Governor's Mansion, Helena/Garry Wunderwald

**Berkeley Pit.** 200 Shields. Until it closed in 1983, this was the nation's largest truck-operated open pit copper mine. Visitor Center open daily, 9-9, summer; 8-3:30, winter. 782-8117. (F-4)

**U.S. High Altitude Sports Center.** Continental Drive, SE edge of city. Training facility for Olympic-class athletes; site of world-class speed-skating competition. 723-7060. (F-4)

**Our Lady of the Rockies.** 90-ft. statue atop the Continental Divide, E of city. Gift shop, tours, 434 N Main. 782-1221. (F-4)

**St. Lawrence Church.** 1308 N Main. Built in 1897 with donations from Butte miners and their families at a cost of \$25,000. Front altars are hand-carved; altar and rail are made of marble and brass. Forty frescoes were added to the ceiling in 1906. 782-9220. (F-4)

**Humbug Spires Primitive Area.**

18 miles S on I-15 at Moose Creek exit. Rock climbing, hiking and geologic sight-seeing among unusual limestone formations. 494-5059. (F-4)

## Deer Lodge

**Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site.** See Major Attractions.

**Montana Territorial Prison.** 1106 Main St. This castle-like stone structure was the first territorial prison in the western U.S. Vacated in October 1979, the prison now stands as a museum. Prison complex includes the **Montana Law Enforcement Museum.** Daily tours. Admission. 846-3111. (E-4)

**Old Prison Players.** Summer theatre at

the Territorial Prison offers variety of comedy, musicals, melodrama. Performances at 8 p.m. Wed.-Sun., June-Labor Day. 846-3114. (E-4)

**Towe Ford Museum.** 1106 Main St. Antique Ford car collection. Open year-round. Admission. 846-3111. (E-4)

**Powell County Museum.** 1193 Main St. Area artifacts, fossils, mineral and mining collections, plus **Museum Post and Print**, a functioning turn-of-the-century letter press print shop. 846-3111. (E-4)

**Yesterday's Playthings.** 1017 Main St. 1,000 dolls, plus toys that span a century. 846-1480. (E-4)

## Dillon

**Bannack State Historic Park.** See Major Attractions.

**Historic Walking Tour.** Downtown. Dillon began as a railroad town when the Utah and Northern Railroad (now Union Pacific) brought an end-of-track town called Terminus to the existing townsite in 1880. Homes on the self-guiding tour include those of early merchants and stockgrowers. 683-5511. (G-3)

**Western Montana College.** 710 S Atlantic. Construction of Main Hall in 1896 represented Montana's commitment to the development of a public university system. The vitality of Montana's Victorian period is evident in this impressive building. 683-7011. (G-4)

**Beaverhead County Museum.** 15 S Montana. Area history. 683-5511. (G-4)



Trumpeter swans at Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge/Paul Jesswein

**Clark Canyon Recreation Area.** 20 miles S on I-15. Large reservoir formed by dam on the Beaverhead River provides excellent rainbow trout fishery. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping. Below the dam, the Beaverhead is one of Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams. 683-6472. (H-3)

**Big Sheep Creek Recreation Area.** 55 miles S on I-15, turn W at Dell exit. Stream fishing in the Tendoy Mountains; sightseeing along the newly designated Big Sheep Creek National Scenic Back Country Byway. 683-2337. (H-3)

**Beaverhead Rock.** 14 miles N on MT 41. Shoshoni Indian guide Sacajawea recognized this huge landmark, resembling a beaver's head, while traveling with the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. 994-4042. (G-4)

## Drummond

**Garnet Ghost Town.** From Drummond exit, 10 miles W; from Bearmouth exit, 6 miles E. Then 10 miles N on Bear Creek Rd. Named for the ruby-colored stones found nearby, this well preserved ghost town offers a glimpse of life in an 1870s gold camp. Open year-round. Access also from the north, off MT 200 at Greenough. 329-3914 or 721-4269. (D-3)

## Ennis

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions. (G-4)

**Ennis National Fish Hatchery.** 12 miles SW on Varney Rd. Six strains of rainbow trout provide 23 million eggs a year for stocking throughout U.S. (G-4)

**Beartrap Canyon.** 16 miles N on US 287, then 6 miles E on MT 84. Part of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, this area is popular for hiking, fishing and white-water rafting on the Madison River. 494-5059. (G-4)



Montana ranch vacation/Garry Wunderwald

**Madison Canyon Earthquake Area & Visitor Center.** 41 miles SE on US 287. On Aug. 17, 1959, an earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating a giant dam and Quake Lake. Memorial visitor center and vista. 646-7369. (H-5)

## Helena

**Capital City of Helena.** An 1864 gold strike touched off a boom era that transformed Helena into "Queen City of the Rockies" and Montana's capital city. Trace its history along main street, still called Last Chance Gulch. Location of Montana Historical Society, St. Helena Cathedral, State Capitol, Carroll College and many historic buildings and mansions dating back to the 1870s. From June 1-Labor Day, catch the **Last Chance Tour Train** near the State Capitol to see it all. Self-guiding brochures available at Helena Chamber of Commerce, 201 E Lyndale, 442-4120. (E-4)

**Original Governor's Mansion.** 304 N Ewing. Built in 1888, this Victorian mansion was the official residence of nine governors between 1913 and 1959. Guided tours, admission. 444-2694. (E-4)

**St. Helena Cathedral.** 530 N. Ewing. Modeled after the cathedral in Cologne, Germany, and a replica of the Votive Church in Vienna, the Cathedral of St. Helena is a magnificent addition to its Rocky Mountain setting. 442-5825. (E-4)

**Montana Historical Society.** 225 N. Roberts. Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell art, Haynes Gallery of photography, permanent "Montana Homeland" exhibit, changing exhibits, library, archives and museum store. 444-2694. (E-4)

**Holter Museum of Art.** 12 E Lawrence. Traveling and permanent collections of contemporary and historic art. Tues.-Sat., 10-5; Sun., noon-5. 442-6400. (E-4)

**Grand Street Theatre.** 325 N Park. Live theatre Thurs.-Sat. at 8 p.m. in historic brownstone building. For tickets, 443-3311. (E-4)

**Archie Bray Foundation.** 2915 Country Club Ave. Potters from throughout the world come to the "Bray" to work and

study. Traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics and sculpture. Gallery; tours by appointment. 443-3502. (E4)

**Reeder's Alley.** S Park. Carefully restored area of early-day Helena, with shops, restaurant, visitor center. 449-7545. (E-4)

**Pioneer Cabin.** 200 S Park. Built in 1864, it houses many original furnishings. 443-7641. (E-4)

**Gates of the Mountains.** 15 miles N on I-15. Commercial boat tours through spectacular Missouri River Canyon. Named by the Lewis & Clark Expedition, Hiking, boating, history, wildlife. 458-5241. (E-4)

**Canyon Ferry State Recreation Area.** 10 miles E on US 12/287, then 8 miles N on Secondary 284. Camping, fishing, boating and swimming on one of the Missouri River's most popular reservoirs. 76 miles of shoreline, three full-service marinas, several campgrounds. User fee. 475-3060. (E-4)

**Black Sandy State Recreation Area.** 7 miles N on I-15, 4 miles E on Secondary 453, then 3 miles N on county road. Popular boating, fishing and camping area on Hauser Lake. User fee. 444-4720. (E-4)

**Holter Lake State Recreation Area.** 36 miles N on I-15 and Recreation Road, then 3 miles S on county road. Boating, fishing and camping on Holter Lake. Access to Gates of the Mountains Wilderness and Beartooth Wildlife Management Area. User fee. 454-3441. (E-4)

**Frontier Town.** W on US 12, atop MacDonald Pass. Authentic village built of handhewn logs with dining room, unique western bar, museum, chapel, gift shop and spectacular view from the Continental Divide. April 1-Oct. 15. Admission. 442-4560. (E-4)

**Marysville.** NW off Secondary 279. Once a thriving gold camp, now a small community with several buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places. (E-4)

**Sapphires.** NE of the city on the Missouri River. Dig for sapphires and other gems or sift through "paydirt" at Castles Sapphire Mine, French Bar Mine, Cleatus Mine, El Dorado Mine, Spokane Bar Mine or the Love Stone Mine. 442-4120. (E-4)

## Monida

**Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.** Extreme SW corner of Montana, on graveled Centennial Valley Road between West Yellowstone and Monida, recently designated a National Scenic Back Country Byway. One of North America's most important nesting areas for the rare trumpeter swan. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, upland game, songbirds, raptors, moose and antelope. Also accessible from West Yellowstone. 276-3347. (H-4)



St. Helena Cathedral, Helena/John Reddy

## Philipsburg

**Pintler Scenic Route.** See Major Attractions.

**Historic Walking Tour.** Features this mining community's most historic and unusual structures. (E-3)

**Georgetown Lake.** 10 miles S on MT 1. Beautiful mountain lake and popular recreation area for fishing, boating, camping. (E-3)

**Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine.** 24 miles SW on MT 1 and 38. Screen "paydirt" from buckets. Bags of sapphire gravel concentrate also available. Camping. Open daily, 8:30-5:30; Memorial Day-mid-Sept. 859-3530. (E-3)

**Granite Ghost Town.** 6 miles E on forest road. Superintendent's House and Miners Union Hall are reminders of Montana's 1880s silver boom. 542-5500. (E-3)

## Townsend

**Canyon Ferry Lake and Missouri River.** Popular area for river and lake fishing, boating and camping. (E-5)

**Broadwater County Museum.** 1st block off Broadway on N Oak. Area history. 266-5252. (E-5)

## Wise River

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Wise River-Polaris National Forest Scenic Byway.** A 40-mile backcountry drive that bisects the Pioneer Mountains between Hwys 43 and 278. Camping, hiking, fishing, plus the ghost town of Coolidge, remnants of the Elkhorn Mill and a narrow gauge railroad that served the mill, and Crystal Park, where visitors can dig for quartz crystals. Summer is the best time to travel this graveled road. (F-3)



Ranch-style breakfast/Harley Hettrick

# Charlie Russell

## COUNTRY

Charlie Russell Country is the land memorialized by this famed western artist—cowboys and Plains Indians, buffalo, buttes, dramatic skies and the grand Missouri River. This is where the mountains meet the plains. Linger in its cities, where history has been preserved in parks, museums and galleries. Then explore the land that still looks as hauntingly big and beautiful as it did when Charlie Russell used it as a model for canvas and bronze. Attractions listed below are keyed to the Montana Highway Map. Phone numbers are reached by the 406 area code. For more information about Russell Country, call 1-800-527-5348.

### Major Attractions

**C.M. Russell Museum Complex.** 400 13th St. N, Great Falls. World's most complete collection of Charles M. Russell's original art and memorabilia, including oils, watercolors, bronzes and illustrated letters. Museum, original log cabin studio and Russell home. Admission. 727-8787. (C-5)

**Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.** The Upper Missouri stretches 150 miles downriver from Fort



Statue of Charlie Russell by Buckeye Blake, Great Falls/Doug O'Looney

Benton. In 1805-06, Lewis and Clark explored this river and camped on its banks. Highlights include the scenic White Cliffs area, Citadel Rock, Hole in the Wall, Lewis and Clark Camp at Slaughter Creek, abandoned homesteads and abundant wildlife. Commercial boat tours from Fort Benton, shuttle service at Virgelle. Visitor center and museum at Fort Benton, open Friday-Monday, summer. 622-5185. (C-7)

### Chester

**Liberty County Museum.** 210 2nd St. E. Homestead era. (B-5)  
**Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery.** 759-5652. (B-5)

### Chinook

**Chief Joseph Bear's Paw Battlefield.** 16 miles S on Secondary 240. Site of the surrender of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians on Oct. 5, 1877. After a 1700-mile retreat, Chief Joseph made his famous speech of surrender: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." (B-7)

Lewis & Clark Memorial at Fort Benton/Paul Fugleberg





**Blaine County Museum.** 501 Indiana. County history and prehistory, plus multimedia display on Nez Perce Indians and the War of 1877. (B-7)

## Choteau

**Bob Marshall Wilderness.** W of town. Access from Rocky Mountain Front to 1.5 million acres of wildlands including Scapegoat and Great Bear Wilderness areas. No motorized travel. 466-5341. (C-4)



*Great blue heron/Conrad Rowe*

**Pine Butte Swamp.** W of town. Nature Conservancy Preserve protects unique wetland along the Rocky Mountain Front. For tours, accommodations, 466-2158. (C-4)

**Old Trail Museum.** US 287 & 89. Fossils, Indian artifacts, farming and pioneer exhibits. Fossil location and identification at museum's fossil beds near town. 466-5332. (C-4)

## Conrad

**Banka's Shell Museum.** 405 S Delaware. Beautiful collection of seashells. 278-3749. (B-4)

## Fort Belknap Agency

**Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.** S of US 2 on MT 66. Home of the Assiniboiné and Gros Ventre tribes. Of special interest are St. Paul's Mission, Mission Canyon and Fort Belknap Indian Days (late July). (B-8)

## Fort Benton

**Fort Benton Landmark District.** No other town played such a prominent role in the opening of the Northwest from 1860 to 1887. As a trading post, military fort and head of steamboat navigation, this was an important overland connec-

tion. Historic buildings, museum, river-front park. 622-3278. (C-6)

**Fort Benton Museum.** Front & 18th St. Missouri River history. (C-6)

**Montana Agriculture Center & Museum of the Northern Great Plains.** 911 21st St. Evolution of farming practices, machinery, economics and culture of area's farm industry. Homestead Village, library, archives. (C-6)

**Lewis and Clark Memorial.** Heroic-size sculpture by Browning artist Bob Scriver depicts Lewis and Clark with Sacajawea, their Shoshone Indian guide. 622-3278. (C-6)

**Upper Missouri River Visitor & Information Center.** Front St. 622-5185. See Major Attractions. (C-6)

**Lewis & Clark Cruises.** 1414 Front St. 1/2- to 5-day boat tours of Upper Missouri Wild & Scenic River. 622-5537. (C-6)

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church.** Choteau and 14th Sts. This Norman-Gothic Church, built in 1880, is one of Montana's oldest masonry buildings. (C-6)

## Geraldine

**Square Butte Natural Area.** Off MT 80, S of town. Designated in 1973 for its scenic, recreational and wildlife values, this imposing rock butte is home to elk, deer, mountain goats and hawks. (C-6)

## Great Falls

**C.M. Russell Museum Complex.** See Major Attractions.

**Great Falls Visitor Center.** 46th St. & 10th Ave. S. Information about area attractions, accommodations. 761-4434. (C-5)



*Photo by Steve Bly*

**Giant Springs State Park.** 3 miles E of US 87 on River Drive. Discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, this is one of the largest freshwater springs in the world. Also the site of the world's shortest river—the Roe. Scenic views of Rainbow Falls on the Missouri River, visitor center, picnic sites, concession, fish hatchery. User fee. 454-3441. (C-5)

**Great Falls of the Missouri.** E of town on Ryan Dam Rd. Much of the Missouri remains as it was in 1805 when Lewis and Clark first viewed it. The "Great Falls" themselves are now the site of Ryan Dam. (C-5)

**Great Falls Portage.** Various access points E of town. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was forced to portage around the falls at this site. The 18-mile, 15-day portage was one of the greatest ordeals endured by the expedition. Portage route brochure is available at the Great Falls Visitor Center, 46th St. & 10th Ave. S. (C-5)

**"Explorers at the Portage."** Overlook Park off 10th Ave. S. Heroic-size sculpture by Browning artist Bob Scriver commemorates Lewis & Clark's portage around the Great Falls of the Missouri. (C-5)

**Paris Gibson Square.** 1400 1st Ave. N. Contemporary and historical exhibitions shown year-round in three main galleries. Built in 1895, the Square now houses a museum, art galleries, restaurant and shopping area. Tours by appointment. Open daily, summer. 727-8255. (C-5)

**Ulm Pishkun.** 10 miles S on I-15 at Ulm exit, then 4 miles NW on county road. Prehistoric bison kill site consists of a mile-long buffalo jump, or pishkun, thought to be the largest in the United States. 454-3441. (C-5)

**Cascade County Courthouse.** 415 2nd Ave. North. Built in 1901-03, this English Renaissance Revival structure features a "giant order"—four polished granite columns in the front of the building—and a tall copper dome. (C-5)

**Mehmke's Steam Engine Museum.** 10 miles E on US 87. World's largest privately owned, operational collection of steam engines. (C-5)

**Cascade County Historical Museum.** 1400 1st Ave. N at Paris Gibson Square. County history, gift shop, information center, archives. 452-3462. (C-5)

**Montana Cowboys Association Museum.** 311 3rd St. NW. Log cabin display of Old West memorabilia. (C-5)

**Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum.** E edge of town. Aircraft and missiles on loan from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, plus historical military displays. Open 12-3, Mon-Sat. 731-9990. (C-5)

## Harlowtown

**Upper Musselshell Museum.** General store, furnished pioneer home, Indian artifacts, school room, summer art displays. (E-7)

## Havre

**Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeology Site.** US 2. Largest and best preserved bison kill site in this area of the plains. Guided tours on summer evenings; private tours for groups of 5 or more (fee). Contact H. Earl Clack Museum or call 265-5152 or 265-9913. (B-7)

**Fort Assiniboine.** 8 miles SW, off US 87. Largest military fort W of Mississippi when constructed in 1879. Guided tours on Sundays and some evenings. Contact H. Earl Clack Museum or call 265-9913. (B-7)

**H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum.** US 2 W at fairgrounds. Archaeology, area history and interpretation. Summer lecture and tour program. Open 9-9, May 15-Sept. 15. Campgrounds adjoin. 265-9913. (B-7)



Ulm Pishkun/Roger Wade

**Beaver Creek Park.** Largest county park in the U.S. with fishing in two lakes, camping, picnicking and scenic views. (B-7)

**Fresno Lake.** E of town off US 2. Famous for big northern pike, plus swimming, boating and water skiing. (B-7)

**Havre Badlands.** 8 miles NW on Hwy 233. Unusual landscape formed by glacial influences and geological formations; fossil evidence and archaeological finds. (B-7)

**Northern Montana College Collections.** Math-Science Bldg. Natural history, Indian artifacts. 265-7821. (B-7)

**Rocky Boys Indian Reservation.** 15 miles SW on US 87. Home of Chippewa and Cree tribes. Located in the foothills of the Bears Paw Mountains. (B-7)

## Lewistown

**Lewistown.** Located at geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post between Helena and the mouth of the Musselshell River. Three areas are listed in the National



Giant Springs State Park/Jim Wylder

Register of Historic Places: Silk Stocking District, Courthouse Square and downtown area. Self-guiding tour brochures available. 538-5436. (D-7)

**Big Springs Trout Hatchery.** 7 miles S on Spring Creek Rd. Produces about half of total trout stocked in Montana freshwater lakes. Propagates 8 strains of trout. 538-5588. (D-7)

**Ackley Lake State Recreation Area.** 17 miles W on US 87, then 5 miles S on Secondary 400, then 2 miles SW on county road. Fishing, boating, camping. User fee. 454-3441. (D-6)

**Judith Peak Recreation Area.** 15 miles NE of town. Improved gravel road to summit for outstanding 100-mile views of mountain and prairie landscape. Ghost town of Maiden, an 1880s gold camp, nearby. (D-7)

**Ice Cave.** Big Snowy Mountains S of town. Follow trail from Crystal Lake; fossils, great views from the top. 791-7700. (E-7)

**James Kipp Recreation Area.** NE on US 191. Located on the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge; access to Upper Missouri National Wild & Scenic River and Fort Peck Lake. (C-8)

**Central Montana Museum.** 408 E Main. Area history. (D-7)

**Lewistown Art Center.** 108 8th Ave. N. 538-8278. (D-7)

## Loma

**Earth Science Museum.** 106 Main St. Natural history, Indian artifacts. 739-4357. (C-6)

**House of a Thousand Dolls.** 106 1st St. Dolls and toys from 1830 to present. (C-6)

## Shelby

**Marias Museum of History & Art.** 206 12th Ave. N. Area history, homesteading,

oil, Dempsey-Gibbons fight exhibit. 434-2551. (B-5)

## Stanford

**Judith Basin Museum.** Variety of unusual collections, early photos. 566-2281. (D-6)

## Utica

**Utica Museum.** Main St. Homestead era. (D-6)

**South Fork Judith River.** SW in Little Belt Mountains. Scenic mountain valley where Charlie Russell spent much of his youth; characteristic scenes from the area are common in his paintings. (E-6)

## Valier

**Lake Frances Recreation Area.** Popular area for swimming, boating, windsurfing, fishing, camping and picnicking. (B-4)

## White Sulphur Springs

**The Castle.** 310 2nd Ave NE. Built in 1892, this dominant stone structure houses the Meagher County Museum. (E-6)

**Hot Sulphur Springs.** 202 W Main. First discovered by Indians, the town grew up around this natural hot spring and was named after it. Two pools are open year-round to the public. Fee. (E-6)

**Ghost Town of Castle.** SE of town off Hwy 294. Weathered homes and outbuildings are all that remain of the silver strikes of the 1880s. Some 1600 claims were staked before a decline in silver prices led to the panic of 1892-93. (E-6)

## Windham

**Sodbuster Museum.** 5 miles SE on US 87. Area history, farming, mining. (D-6)

# Yellowstone

## COUNTRY

*Yellowstone Country lies immediately north of Yellowstone National Park and features three of the Park's five entrances. It is also headquarters for some of the world's finest trout fishing and outdoor recreation. Explore its legendary rivers, majestic peaks, vast forests and wilderness areas. Enjoy its lively cities and towns and its many guest ranches and vacation resorts. Attractions listed below are keyed to the Montana Highway Map. Phone numbers are reached by the 406 area code unless otherwise noted. For more information about Yellowstone Country, call 1-800-736-5276.*

### Major Attractions

**Yellowstone National Park.** Three of Yellowstone's five entrances are in Montana: Gardiner on US 89; Cooke City/Silver Gate, via the Beartooth Highway (US 212) and West Yellowstone, at junction of US 191/287 and 20. The world's first national park is renowned for its spouting geysers, bubbling mud caldrons, canyons, rivers and lakes, waterfalls and abundant wildlife. Yellowstone encompasses 2.2 million acres of

scenic beauty. Accommodations in the park are open May-Oct. and Dec.-March. Year-round accommodations are available outside. For park information, contact Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, (307) 344-7381. For reservations, call (304) 344-7311. For information about field courses on the park's wildlife, plants, geology and history, contact the **Yellowstone Institute**, Box 117, Yellowstone



Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range/William Munoz

National Park, WY 82190, (307) 344-7381, ext. 2384. (H-6)

**Beartooth Highway.** US 212 from Red Lodge to Yellowstone National Park. Recently designated a National Forest Scenic Byway, the Beartooth Highway has been described by CBS Correspondent Charles Kuralt as "the most beautiful drive in America." Reaching heights of nearly 11,000 feet, this 69-mile drive offers skytop views of snow-capped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes and plateaus. Pristine air, unique alpine vegetation and breathtaking scenery make this 3-hour drive an unforgettable trip through "Beartooth Country." 446-1718 or 446-2103. (G-7)

**Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.** Adjoining Yellowstone Park on its northern edge, the Absaroka-Beartooth adds nearly 1 million acres to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Within its borders are 28 peaks over 12,000 ft., including Montana's highest, Granite Peak, at 12,799 ft. Nearly 1,000 alpine lakes and more than 700 miles of hiking trails make this a prime backcountry destination for hikers, anglers and horseback riders. Major access points are from Billings, Big Timber, Livingston, Red Lodge and Cooke City. No motorized travel. 657-6361 or 587-6701. (G,H-6)



Yellowstone National Park's Grand Prismatic Spring/Paul Dix

**Museum of the Rockies.** S 7th & Kagy Blvd., Montana State University Campus, Bozeman. Take a walk through time at the newly expanded museum, which covers 4 billion years of history and prehistory of the Northern Rockies. Highlights include the Taylor Planetarium, world-class dinosaur exhibit, Native American artifacts, western art, Tinsley Homestead, Kirk Hill Nature Center, historic home tours, summer field courses in paleontology, traveling exhibits and gift shop. Open daily. Admission. 994-2251. (F-5)

**Missouri Headwaters State Park.** I-90 at Three Forks exit, E on Secondary 205, N on Secondary 286. Established where Lewis & Clark discovered the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers joining to form the Missouri River. Campground, interpretive displays, hiking trails, fishing, floating. User fee. 994-4042. (F-5)

**Fishing.** Legendary trout rivers—the Madison, Gallatin and Yellowstone, the lesser known Boulder and Stillwater, plus the waters in and around Yellowstone National Park—make Yellowstone Country a prime destination for fishermen. Headquarters towns for anglers are Bozeman, Big Timber, Livingston and West Yellowstone.



Elk, Yellowstone National Park/Tom Dietrich

## Absarokee

**Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.** See Major Attractions.  
**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

## Big Sky

**Big Sky Gondola Ride.** Big Sky Ski & Summer Resort. Scenic gondola ride offers spectacular views of surrounding mountains. Other summer activities include golf, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting. 995-4211 or 995-4111. (G-5)  
**Soldier's Chapel.** US 191. Built in 1955 as a World War II memorial, this non-denominational chapel has an exquisite view of Lone Mountain. (G-5)

## Big Timber

**Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Natural Bridge.** 27 miles S on Secondary 298. Spectacular falls and river canyon with interpretive signs and trails. Fishing on Boulder River and access to Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. 932-5131. (G-6)

**Greycliff Prairie Dog Town.** 9 miles E on I-90 at Greycliff exit. Sheepmen and cattlemen have always fought the prairie dog, but this community has been preserved. Interpretive signs. User fee. 932-5131. (F-6)

**Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery.** Fairgrounds Road. Open year-round. Picnicking, camping nearby. 932-4434. (F-6)  
**Victorian Village.** More than 5,000 sq. ft. of Victorian antiques, vintage furnishings and tools. Museum, antique store, gift shop. 932-4378. (F-6)

**The Grand.** 139 McLeod. Elegantly restored 1890s hotel. 932-4459. (F-6)  
**Sweet Grass County Museum.** 120 McLeod. Area history, memorabilia. 932-5131. (F-6)

**Zemsky-Hines Gallery.** 108 E 3rd. Features the work of leading western artists Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, who have made Big Timber their home. Other regional artists also exhibited. 932-5307. (F-6)

## Bozeman

**Museum of the Rockies.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Montana State University.** Well known for its agricultural research and education, MSU is also strong in the fields of physical science and technology. Its key attraction is the newly expanded Museum of the Rockies. Visitors are welcome to MSU's cultural and sporting events, which include the annual College National Finals Rodeo in June. 587-2637. (F-5)

**South Willson Historic District.** Walking tour of this residential area features 48 houses ranging from large mansions to small cottages, some dating back to 1883. 586-5421 or 1-800-228-4224. (F-5)

**Hyalite Canyon.** S on 19th Ave. Handicap accessible recreation area with hiking trails, waterfalls, fishing, picnic, camping areas. 587-6920. (F-5)

**Gallatin Canyon.** US 191 between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. 80-mile drive that parallels the Gallatin River, skirts the magnificent Spanish Peaks and enters the NW corner of Yellowstone National Park. Fishing, whitewater rafting, camping and wildlife viewing along the route. (F,G-5)

**Gallatin Pioneers Museum.** 317 W Main. Pioneer history, artifacts. (F-5)  
**Gallatin Gateway Inn.** 14 miles SW at



Interpretive displays at Missouri Headwaters State Park/Doug O'Looney

**Gallatin Gateway on US 191.** Built in 1927 by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, this mission-style hotel was a popular stop for tourists en route to Yellowstone Park. 763-4672. (F-5)

## Bridger

**Pryor Mountains National Wild Horse Range.** SE on US 310 to Lovell, then N on Hwy 37. For directions, consult Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Visitor Center at Lovell. The Pryor Mountains are home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s. Rugged, desert-like country offers hiking, birding, fossil hunting, backcountry driving. 657-6561. (G-8)

**Devil's Canyon Overlook.** SE on US 310 to Lovell, then N on Hwy 37. Scenic view of Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area where the canyon cross-cuts a 1000-ft.-high segment of the fault that makes up the Pryor Mountains. (307) 548-2251. (G-8)

## Columbus

**Museum of the Beartooths.** 35 9th St. Area history. (F-7)

**Stillwater County Historical Gallery.** Civic Center. 2300 historic photos of area. (F-7)

**Sweet Medicine Sanctuary.** I-90 Exit Springtime Road or W on Old Hwy 10 at confluence of Yellowstone and Stillwater rivers. Scenic overlook and panoramic view of four mountain ranges. Good viewing area for wildlife, waterfowl and wild mustangs. (F-7)



## Cooke City, Colter Pass & Silver Gate

With Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness at their back door, these skytop communities offer hiking, fishing, horseback riding, mountain climbing and more. Accessible year-round from Yellowstone's north entrance at Gardiner and, during the summer, from the Beartooth Highway.

## Gardiner

**Yellowstone National Park.** See Major Attractions.

**Roosevelt Arch.** Off Park St. Has marked the N entrance to Yellowstone National Park since 1903, when President Teddy Roosevelt dedicated it before an estimated 5000 spectators. (G-6)

## Livingston

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Downtown Livingston.** Designated Historic District on the National Register encompasses 436 buildings, most within walking distance of one another. (F-6)

**Depot Center.** 200 W Park. Located in restored Northern Pacific Railroad station. Features "Yellowstone Days," a major art and history exhibit from the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, WY. Open daily, mid-May to mid-Oct. 222-2300. (F-6)

**Park County Museum.** 118 W Chinook. Area history, including early Yellowstone Park explorers, railroad and Indian history, archaeology. Open daily, June-Labor Day. 222-3506. (F-6)

**Paradise Valley.** US 89 between Livingston and N entrance to Yellowstone National Park at Gardiner. 53-mile scenic drive through upper Yellowstone River Valley with expansive views of sprawling ranches and the magnificent Absaroka Range. Fishing, floating, whitewater rafting through Yankee Jim Canyon, Devil's Slide, ghost towns, camping. (G-6)



Beartooth Highway/Garry Wunderwald



Dinosaurs greet visitors at Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies/John Reddy, courtesy Museum of the Rockies

## Red Lodge

**Yellowstone National Park.** See Major Attractions.

**Beartooth Highway.** See Major Attractions.

**Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.** See Major Attractions.

**Red Lodge Historic District.** Buildings and houses on and off Main St. that were built between 1893 and 1910 during coal mining boom. Remnants of the ethnic groups that settled Red Lodge are preserved in "Hibug" Town, Finn Town and Little Italy. These ethnic traditions are celebrated every August during 9-day Festival of Nations. 446-1718. (G-7)

**Red Lodge Zoo.** N on US 212. Native North American animals, plus children's petting zoo. Adjacent to Coal Miners' Memorial Park. Concession. Open daily. Admission. 446-1133. (G-7)

**Smith Mine Disaster Site.** 4 miles E at Bearcreek. In 1943, 77 men died in an underground explosion at this mine site. Tipple and several outbuildings still stand. 446-1718. (G-7)

**Carbon County Museum.** S on US 212. Area history and artifacts. Homestead cabin of Jeremiah "Liver-Eatin'" Johnson, Red Lodge's first sheriff. 446-1718. (G-7)

**Carbon County Arts Guild Gallery.** Old Depot. 446-1370. (G-7)

**Cooney Reservoir State Recreation Area.** 21 miles N on US 212, 5 miles W of Boyd on county road. Popular recreation area for boating, fishing, camping. User fee. 252-4654. (G-7)

## Three Forks

**Missouri Headwaters State Park.** See Major Attractions.

**Madison Buffalo Jump State Historic Site.** 5 miles E on I-90 to Logan, 7 miles S on Buffalo Jump Road. This buffalo jump vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used in Montana as long ago as 2000 years or more. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over a cliff. Picnic area. User fee. 994-4042. (F-5)

**Sacajawea Inn.** Named after the Shoshone Indian woman who helped guide the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the inn was built in 1910. Recently restored. 285-3777. (F-5)

**Headwaters Heritage Museum.** Main St. Western heritage exhibits. (F-5)

## West Yellowstone

**Yellowstone National Park.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Museum of the Yellowstone.** "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Fires of '88" plus Indian, military and wildlife exhibits. 646-7814. (H-5)

**International Fly Fishing Center.** Features Pat Lilly angling art gallery, Federation of Fly Fishers Library and the Joyce and Elliot Liskin fly casting pond. 646-9541. (H-5)

**Playmill Theatre.** In its 27th season of melodrama, comedy and variety shows. 646-7757. (H-5)

**Wag and Trails West.** Horse-drawn stagecoach tours of West Yellowstone. 646-9763. (H-5)

# Missouri River

## COUNTRY

*Missouri River Country is Montana's northeast corner, where a great river sets the theme for the entire landscape. Here, everything is big. Prairie stretches from horizon to horizon with ranches measured in miles. Fort Peck Lake offers more than a thousand miles of shoreline. Millions of waterfowl take to the Big Sky from sprawling wildlife refuges. Attractions listed below are keyed to the Montana Highway Map. Phone numbers are reached by the 406 area code unless otherwise noted. For more information about Missouri River Country, call 654-1776.*

### Major Attractions

**Fort Peck Dam and Lake.** 18 miles S of Glasgow. One of the world's largest dams impounds the Missouri River, forming a giant lake with 1600 miles of shoreline. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping, sightseeing and home of the annual Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. Learn the history of this massive 1930s public works project at the Power Plant museum in Fort Peck and view fossils recovered from area. Tours. 526-3411. (C-10)

**Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.** Between MT 24 and US 191, S of Glasgow and Malta, N of Jordan. Million-acre wilderness surrounding Fort Peck Lake consists of prairies, coulees, river bottoms, breaks and badlands. Wildlife includes deer, elk, antelope, bighorn sheep, waterfowl, upland game, fish. Camping, boating; scenic wildlife



Road to Zortman/Rick Graetz

loop tour 6 miles E of US 191. 538-8706. (C-8,9,10)

**Little Rocky Mountains.** 40 miles SW of Malta on US 191. An island of mountains on the plains, the area is rich in Old West romance and valuable mineral deposits. Legend has it that Butch Cassidy and Kid Curry hid out here. Gold-mining arrived in 1884 and by World War II, the Little Rockies had yielded \$25 million in gold. Tour a modern gold-mining operation at Pega-

sus Gold's Zortman Mine (673-3252). Campgrounds near Zortman and Landusky make good base camps for prairie dog shooting or fishing at nearby reservoirs. 654-1240. (C-8)

**Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.** North Dakota border: NE of Sidney, off Hwy 200, E of Culbertson, off US 2, or SE of Bainville on Rt. 327. Missouri River's pre-eminent fur trading post from 1830s to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful mix of riverboaters, fur traders, Plains Indian tribes and frontier capitalists. Bourgoise House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a Visitor Center, interpreting one of the most colorful eras of the westward expansion. Open daily. (701) 572-9083. (B-12)

### Bainville

**Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.** See Major Attractions. **Bainville Historical Association Museum.** Main St. Area history. (B-12)

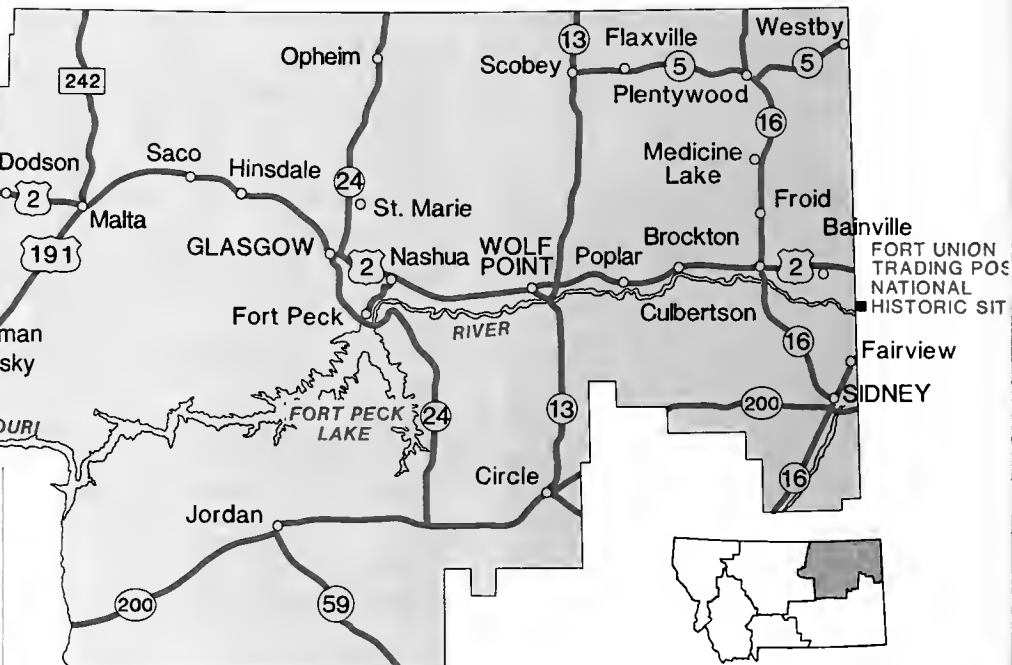
### Circle

**McCone County Museum.** Comprehensive area history includes Indian artifacts, firearms, farm machinery, homesteader's shack and wildlife collection. Open weekdays, 9-5. 485-2414. (C-11)



Fort Union Trading Post

National Historic Site/Doug O'Looney





*Wild & Scenic Missouri River/Jan Jamruszka-Wilson*

## Culbertson

**Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.** See Major Attractions.  
**Northeast Montana Threshing Antique Association.** MT 16. Antique fire engine, artifacts. (B-12)

## Fort Peck

**Fort Peck Dam and Lake.** See Major Attractions.  
**Fort Peck Theatre.** Missouri Ave. Historic building houses Fort Peck Theatre Company, offering musicals and drama every summer weekend. 526-9943. (C-10)

## Glasgow

**Pioneer Museum.** US 2 W. Area history includes fossils, Indian artifacts, railroads, homesteaders, early businesses, aviation. 228-8692. (B-10)

## Jordan

**Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.** See Major Attractions.  
**Hell Creek State Recreation Area.** 25 miles N on county road. Popular recreation area provides access to Fort Peck Lake. Marina, water sports, fishing, boating, camping, lodging. User fee. 232-4365. (C-9)  
**Fossil Beds.** On Hell Creek, N on county road. Site where paleontologists discovered an almost-complete skeleton of a tyrannosaur. (C-9)  
**Garfield County Museum.** Area history, exhibits. (C-9)

## Malta

**Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.** See Major Attractions.  
**Little Rocky Mountains.** See Major Attractions.  
**Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge.** 8 miles E, off US 2. Excellent viewing and photographing of more than 200 bird species. Other wildlife includes deer,

antelope, upland game. 18-mile self-guided auto tour. 654-2863. (B-9)  
**Nelson Reservoir.** 17 miles E on US 2, 2 miles N on county road. Popular recreation area for walleye and northern pike fishing, water sports. Noted for abundant waterfowl. 228-9347. (B-9)  
**Phillips County Historical Museum.** Carnegie Library Building. Ranching, homesteading era. 654-1037. (B-9)

## Medicine Lake

**Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge.** 1 mile S, off MT 16. Important refuge for birds, especially white pelicans, occasional whooping cranes and other species of waterfowl and upland game. Spring and fall migrations bring 100,000 to 250,000 waterfowl. Encompasses **Medicine Lake Wilderness**, Montana's smallest wilderness, which preserves a small parcel of eastern Montana's mixed-grass prairie and **Teppee Hills Site**, where many tepee rings are preserved. Good fishing for northern pike. Open year-round for walking activities. Self-guided auto tour April 15-Oct. 15. 789-2305. (B-12)

## Plentywood

**Sheridan County Museum.** W end of town on MT 16. Pioneer history, antique tractors, threshing machines. Sitting Bull memorial. Open summer months. (A-12)

## Poplar

**Fort Peck Indian Reservation.** Home to Assiniboiné and Sioux tribes. Of special interest are the many tribal celebrations held throughout the year, including the Red Bottom Celebration in Frazier (June), Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede (2nd weekend in July), Iron Ring Celebration in Poplar (3rd week in July) and "Wadopana—Last of the True Powwows" near Wolf Point (first weekend in August). 768-5312. (B-11)  
**Poplar Museum.** 212 F West. 768-5212. (B-11)

## Saco

**Huntley School.** Restored one-room school where newsman Chet Huntley began his education. Schools like this once dotted the plains. (B-9)

## Scobey

**Restored Pioneer Town of 1900s.** Homestead shack, shops, stores, antique tractors, farm machinery, cars, trucks. (A-11)

## Sidney

**Mondak Heritage Center.** 120 3rd Ave. SE. Area history, extensive street scene of early 1900s, art exhibits, research library. 482-3500. (C-12)

## Wolf Point

**Wolf Point Area Historical Society Museum and Art Gallery.** 220 2nd Ave. S. Homesteading, farm and ranch history. 653-1912. (B-11)

## Zortman

**Gold Mine Tours.** Little Rocky Mountains. See Major Attractions.  
**UL Bend Wilderness.** 50 miles SE on dry-weather roads. Perhaps Montana's most primitive wilderness, the UL Bend is a glacially created peninsula of prairie that juts out into Fort Peck Lake. Together with the surrounding C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, it is the only place in Montana where elk still occupy their native prairie year-round. Other inhabitants are deer, pronghorn, birds and small animals. Consult weather conditions before traveling from Zortman. 538-8706. (C-9)



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 Rodney Schlecht*

# Custer

## COUNTRY

*Custer Country derives its name from the most famous Indian battle in U.S. history. It was here that Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer lost his life in 1876 against an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Here, too, are vast cattle ranches, Indian reservations, the fabled Yellowstone and Bighorn rivers and Montana's largest city. Attractions listed below are keyed to the Montana Highway Map. Phone numbers are reached by the 406 area code. For more information about Custer Country, call 665-1671.*

### Major Attractions

**Custer Battlefield National Monument.** 15 miles S of Hardin on I-90. Memorializes one of the last armed efforts of Northern Plains Indians to preserve their traditional way of life against the encroachment of white civilization. In June 1876, more than 260 soldiers and attached personnel of the U.S. Army were killed by an overwhelming number of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Among the dead was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Battlefield includes visitor center, museum, National Cemetery, memorial site of the 7th Cavalry at Reno-Bentzen Battlefield, guided battlefield tours and interpretive programs. Open year-round. 638-2621. (G-9)

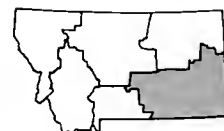
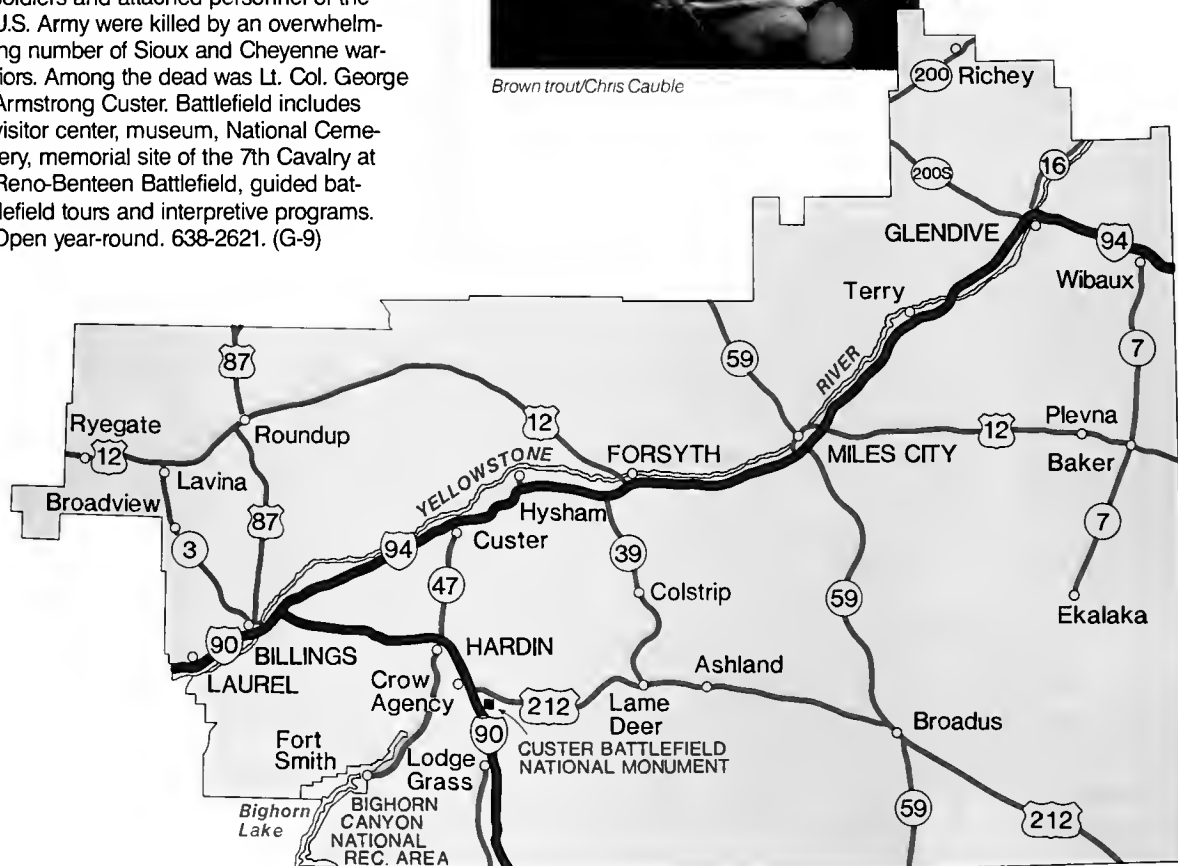
**Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.** 42 miles S of Hardin on Hwy 313. Stunning canyon scenery, boating, lake and stream fishing make this one of Montana's most attractive recreation sites. Bighorn Lake, created by 525-ft.-high Yellowtail Dam, is located within the canyon's spectacular limestone walls. The lake is 71 miles long and provides great walleye fishing. Below the dam, Bighorn River is one of Montana's premier trout streams. Additional canyon attractions are scenic drives, hiking trails, naturalist-guided trips, interpretive programs and campgrounds. Outside the park, year-round accommodations and



Custer Battlefield/Dan Martinez,  
Courtesy Custer Battlefield



Brown trout/Chris Cauble





services are available at Fort Smith, Hardin and Lovell. 666-2412. (G-8)

**Makoshika State Park.** Snyder Ave., Glendive. The Sioux Indians had a name for this place—Makoshika, meaning “bad earth” or “bad land.” In addition to unusual scenery, these badlands contain fossil remains of some of the area's earlier inhabitants—the tyrannosaur and triceratops dinosaurs. Also a popular viewing area for turkey vultures. Scenic drives, nature trails, campgrounds, picnic sites, archery and shooting ranges. User fee. 365-8596. (D-12)

**Montana Agates.** Along the Yellowstone River, which parallels I-94 and MT 16, from Custer to Sidney. The Yellowstone is renowned for the quality and abundance of agates found on its shores. Sometimes called plume or moss agates, Montana agates are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stone's interior. Inquire locally for guide service or tips on searching out these gems. Petrified wood, colored jaspers and fossils are also common in the area. (F-9 to C-12)

**Fishing.** As Montana's rivers move east, fishing becomes more varied. Enjoy trout fishing at its best on the Bighorn River below Yellowtail Dam (G-9). The catch ranges from channel catfish, sauger and walleye to the ancient paddlefish on the Lower Yellowstone River (F-9 to C-12). Bighorn Lake is a popular walleye fishery (G-8), the Musselshell is known for its trout and catfish (E-7), and the Tongue River Reservoir boasts excellent bass, crappie, walleye and northern pike fishing (G-10).

## Ashland

**Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation.** On US 212, between the Crow Reservation and the Tongue River. Home of the “Morning Star” people. Of special interest are the Cheyenne Indian Museum, featuring Indian artifacts and The Little Coyote Gallery, St. Labre Indian School and the Ashland Powwow (early Sept.). Lame Deer, 21 miles W, is headquarters for the tribe and home of the Northern Cheyenne Powwow (July 4th weekend). (G-10)

## Baker

**Baker Lake.** In town. Fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, picnic areas, softball complex. (E-12)

**O'Fallon Museum.** Housed in the old jail, the museum has an impressive collection of period clothing and military uniforms. Separate building houses machinery and local memorabilia. (E-12)

## Billings

**Billings.** Montana's largest city, Billings is a regional hub, cultural and entertainment center. Museums, art galleries, theaters, shopping, two colleges, plus easy access to Custer Battlefield, Bighorn National Recreation Area, Yellowstone Park, the Yellowstone River and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, make Billings a popular stop for visitors. 245-4111. (F-8)



Shopping in Billings/David Scott Smith, Exclamation Point Adv

**Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument.** I-90 exit 450. Full information on all area attractions, plus heroic-size bronze sculpture of a cattle drover commemorating the “Drive of '89”—Montana's Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings. 245-4111. (F-8)

**Alberta Bair Theater.** 2801 3rd Ave. N. Largest performing arts center in Montana, designed and equipped for local performers and professional touring companies. Over 100 events annually. For tickets: 256-6052. (F-8)

**Yellowstone Art Center.** 401 N 27th St. Changing exhibits of regional, national and international art, both contemporary and historical. Tues.-Sun. 256-6804. (F-8)

**Western Heritage Center.** 2822 Montana Ave. Changing exhibits on Yellowstone Valley history. Tues.-Sun. 256-6809. (F-8)

**Peter Yegen Museum.** Near Logan International Airport, atop the rimrocks. Old West history, Indian artifacts. Mon.-Fri., Sun. 256-6811. (F-8)

**Moss Mansion.** 914 Division St. This turn-of-the-century mansion, elegantly restored, provides a glimpse into the life of Preston B. Moss, one of Billings' most prominent early residents. Guided tours, gift shop. Admission. 256-5100. (F-8)

**Pictograph Cave State Historic Site.** I-90 at Lockwood exit, then 6 miles S on county road. The remains of a prehistoric culture are preserved here. More than 30,000 artifacts from this park have been identified. Rock paintings are visible from a short, paved trail near the cave. Also popular with birders. Picnic sites. User fee. 252-4654. (F-8)

**Boothill.** Swords Park, atop the rimrocks. The only vestige of the Yellowstone River town of Coulson is its cemetery. Resting place of H.M. Muggins Taylor, army civilian scout who carried the word of Custer's defeat on horseback through 180 miles of hostile Indian territory to Fort Ellis near Bozeman. (F-8)



Yellowstone River Valley/Del Siegle

**Black Otter Trail.** Scenic drive along rimrocks, beginning at US 10 E of Billings. Includes gravesite of famous frontier scout Yellowstone Kelly. On a clear day, five mountain ranges are visible from the gravesite. 245-4111. (F-8)

**Oscar's Dreamland.** I-90 exit 446, then S. Frontage Rd. Historic town, plus impressive collection of steam engines, antique vehicles, farm artifacts. May-Oct. Admission. 656-0966. (F-8)

## Broadus

### **Powder River Historical Museum.**

Main St. Area history, including general store, original county jail, E.B. Ranch chuckwagon, antique cars and pioneer photos. Memorial Day-Labor Day. (G-11)

**Mac's Museum.** Powder River High School. Over 200,000 seashells, plus minerals and Indian artifacts. 436-2324. (G-11)

### **Powder River Taxidermy Wildlife**

**Museum.** Main St. Unique collection of wildlife mounts, antique and commemorative Winchester guns and local art. 436-2538. (G-11)

## Colstrip

**Colstrip.** 35 miles S of Forsyth on MT 39. "Energy Capital of Montana." Visit Colstrip Visitor Center to learn the history of this coal-mining community, the operation of a coal-fired power plant and the workings of an open-pit coal mine. Tours of the Rosebud open-pit mine. Mon.-Fri. 748-3746. (F-10)



Medicine Rocks State Park/Doug O'Looney



Crow Fair/Larry Mayer (Billings Gazette)

## Crow Agency

**Crow Indian Reservation.** This large reservation surrounds much of the Big-horn Canyon Recreation Area and encompasses Custer Battlefield. One of the nation's best-known Indian powwows, **Crow Fair**, takes place here every August when Crow Agency becomes the "Tipi Capital of the World." Also of interest is **Chief Plenty Coups State Historic Park** on the west side of the reservation near Pryor. This was the home and burial site of Chief Plenty Coups, last chief of the Crow. His log home and store remain as evidence of his efforts to adopt the lifestyle of the white man. Visitor center and interpretive displays explain the Crow culture. User fee. (G-9)

## Custer

**Agates.** See Major Attractions.  
**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

## Decker

**Rosebud Battlefield State Historic Park.** N of Decker on Secondary 314. Undeveloped site of the 1876 battle between Sioux Indians and General George Crook's infantry. One of U.S. history's largest Indian battles, it set the stage for an Indian victory 8 days later at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, now the site of the Custer Battlefield. 232-4365. (G-10)

**Tongue River Reservoir State Recreation Area.** 6 miles N on Secondary 314, then 1 mile E on county road. Scenic, 12-mile-long reservoir offers boating, camping, concession and good fishing for trophy walleye, northern pike, bass and crappie. User fee. 232-4365. (G-10)

## Ekalaka

**Carter County Museum.** Main St. Impressive fossil collection includes complete skeleton of an antosaurus or

duck-billed dinosaur. Also local artifacts. Tues.-Sun., 1-4. (F-12)

**Medicine Rocks State Park.** N on MT 7. This was a place of "big medicine," where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. Wind and water have sculpted soft sandstone into unusual formations. Haven for wildlife. Undeveloped. 232-4365. (F-12)

## Forsyth

**Agates.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Pioneer Museum.** Area history, artifacts, photos. May-Sept. (E-10)

**Rosebud County Courthouse.** Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this neoclassical, 2-story building is capped with an ornate copper dome. Top floor and courtroom features murals and stained glass. (E-10)

## Fort Smith

**Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

## Glendive

**Makoshika State Park.** See Major Attractions.

**Agates.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions. "Pad-dlefish Capital of the World."

**Frontier Gateway Museum.** 1 mile E. Inside are fossils, Indian artifacts, farm and business history. Outside are wagons, carriages, a rural school house, log cabin and more. (D-12)

## Hardin

**Custer Battlefield National Monument.** See Major Attractions.

**Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Center.** I-90, exit 497.

Cultural exhibits, restored buildings, special events, picnic area, gift shop. Open daily, June-Sept.; Tues.-Sat., Oct.-May. 665-1671. (F-9)

**Jailhouse Gallery.** 812 N Center. Indian culture, crafts, art exhibits, gift shop. 665-3239. Tues.-Sat., noon-5. (F-9)

## Hysham

**Treasure County Museum.** Pioneer history. (E-9)

**Isaac Homestead Wildlife Management Area.** Old homestead location offers fishing access, boat launch, wildlife viewing and agate hunting. (E-9)

## Laurel

**Laurel Early West Museum.** 119 W 1st St. Model frontier town, historic photo ex-

hibit, visitor information. (F-8)

**Chief Joseph Statue & Sturgis Battlefield Marker.** Firemen's Park, downtown. Commemorates 1877 Canyon Creek Battle between the Nez Perce Indians led by Chief Joseph and the U.S. Cavalry led by General Sturgis. Actual site of the battle is 7.5 miles N on Secondary 532.

## Miles City

**Agates.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Range Riders Museum.** West edge of town. This western complex includes Fort Keogh Officers Quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, Old Milestown Main Street, Heritage Center & Indian artifacts and the 400-piece Bert Clark Gun Collection. 232-6146. (E-11)

**Fort Keogh.** 2 miles SE. At one time the largest army post in Montana, Fort Keogh served from 1877-1908 as a major post at the close of the Indian wars. Several original buildings remain and the old parade grounds are still intact. (E-11)

**Custer County Art Center.** Pumping Plant Rd. Located in historic waterworks plant, the center features the work of local, state and regional artists. Annual Western Art Roundup, with quick draw, cowboy poetry and auction, coincides with the world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, third weekend in May. 232-0635. (E-11)

**Coffrin's Old West Gallery.** 1600 Main.

Features the work of early photographer L.A. Huffman, who captured the era of the Indian wars, great buffalo herds, frontier towns, the arrival of railroads and life on the range. 232-3076. (E-11)

## Richey

**Richey Historical Museum.** Over 5,000 items, including Model A mail car, blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen, school and church memorabilia, newspaper files and period clothing. (C-11)

## Roundup

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Musselshell Valley Historical Museum.** 524 1st St. W. Authentic coal tunnel, fossils, Indian artifacts, original ranch home, blacksmith shop, print shop and much more. (E-8)

## Ryegate & Lavina

**Fishing.** Musselshell River. See Major Attractions.

## Terry

**Agates.** See Major Attractions.

**Fishing.** See Major Attractions.

**Prairie County Museum.** Housed in the old State Bank of Terry, museum is filled with area antiques and machinery, buggy equipment and thousands of historic photos. (D-11)

**Terry Badlands.** NW on Scenic View Rd. Scenic overlook, hiking.



Cowboy country/Will Brewster

## Wibaux

**Pierre Wibaux House.** Built in 1892 as a town house and office building by Pierre Wibaux, notable open range cattleman. (D-12)

**St. Peter's Catholic Church.** Built in 1885, this beautiful church features stained glass and a lava rock exterior covered with climbing vines in the summer. (D-12)

**Centennial Car Museum.** One of seven railroad cars used for Montana's Territorial Centennial Train in 1964. Now houses farm and household items of early settlers, plus Indian artifacts. (D-12)



Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area/Jim Wylder

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